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BIRTHS.

On the 3rd January, at 27, Lyham Road, Brixton, S.W., the wife of G. T. CROOK, formerly of Hongkong, of a daughter.

On the 27th January, at Tsingtao, Mrs. ALFRED SIMONSEN, nee GALLES, of a daughter.

On the 30th January, at Kobe, the wife of G. C. MURRAY, of a son.

On the 2nd February, at 23, The Bund, Shanghai, the wife of C. S. ADDIS, of a daughter.

On the 2nd February, at Chinkiang, the wife of LOUIS ROCHER, Commissioner of Customs, of a daughter.

On the 4th February, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, the wife of F. WILLIAM-R. W. LAND, I.M. Customs, of a son (GORDON).

MARRIAGES.

On the 26th January, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, JAMES BROWN, of the Selangor Government Service, to WILLIAMINA ANNA HARRIET, daughter of Captain H. STRATTON, of Singapore.

On the 9th February, at St. John's Cathedral, by the Rev. F. V. Johnson, M.A., assisted by the Rev. E. H. Good, M.A., B.N., JOSEPH, eldest son of the late H. D. C. HOOPER, Solicitor, Bristol, to MABEL ELIZABETH, daughter of G. J. R. SAYER, Civil Engineer, H. M. Naval Yard, Hongkong.

DEATHS.

On the 23rd December, at Peitang, GEORGE ALBERT EICH, only son of H. H. VON BROEN, aged 1 year and 5 months.

On the 28th January, at No. 9, Lloyd Road, Singapore, EMILIO LUIZ, the infant son of FREDERICO and GRACE D'ALMEIDA, aged 2 years and 11 months.

On the 28th January, at 25, Buffalo Road, Singapore, ECLIA MARIA the wife of J. G. VAN LANGENBERG, aged 70 years and 2 months.

On the 1th February, at the Isolation Hospital, Shanghai, MILDRED YOUNG.

On the 5th February, at Pooyung, HARRY BELFORD, son of the late Capt. JOHN WEEKS, Commander, P. & O. S. N. Co., aged 41 years.

On the 6th February, at Swatow, NORA KATHARINE MERCER, daughter of AUGUST and KATHARINE HOLZ, aged 41 years.

On the 7th February, at 5.30 p.m., at Government Civil Hospital, GEORGINA MATINA, the dearly beloved wife of A. W. J. SIMMONS, P. W. Dept., aged 30 years. Deeply regretted.

On the 11th February, at Calcutta, COOVERJEE ROMANJEE GUZDAR, partner of the late firm of Nowrojee & Co., of Hongkong. (By wire.)

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ARRIVALS OF MAIL.

The French mail of the 9th January arrived, per M.M. steamer *Annam*, on the 9th February (31 days); and the English mail of the 16th January arrived, per P. & O. steamer *Bengal*, on the 13th February (28 days).

EPITOME OF THE WEEK.

It is reported that Admiral Skrydloff, commanding Russia's Pacific squadron, has been appointed chief of the Black Sea Fleet.

The Russian East Asian Steamship Company is starting a direct service between the Black Sea and Port Arthur, Dalny, and Vladivostok.

Mr. Lewis Moore, chief engineer of the Fire Brigade and District Grand Master, died at Shanghai on the 11th inst., after a long illness.

At midnight on the 7th inst. a fire began in the Japanese officers' barracks at Peking. It finished at 5 o'clock next morning, with the assistance of the foreign garrisons.

The London *Standard* says that there seems but little doubt how the Straits Currency Commission will report, and it is believed that the Straits Settlements will shortly adopt a currency analogous to that of India.

Dr. R. Colman, professor of surgery at Peking University, who is now visiting Los Angeles, California, predicts another and a worse uprising of the Chinese against the foreigners at Peking, he says, is now virtually unprotected. Dr. Colman blames the leniency of the Powers, and especially of the United States.

The *Universal Gazette* states that China intends to collect her import duties on the gold basis, and, after broaching this question to the different governments, Great Britain is found to be the only country that refused to comply with China's request. "The others are quite ready to give consent." Sir Robert Hart is of the opinion that if China insists strongly enough, Great Britain will have to give in to the other countries.

Advises received last week from the native correspondent of the *Shanghai Times* in Peking reported that the Ching Wai Chn (or Ministry of State Affairs) has received a telegram from the Tartar General Tseng Chi, at Moukden, to the effect that the monarchical laws commonly known as the *Hung Hu Tze* have become uncommonly bold of late. Under the leadership of Hu Ngai Lin and Chi Chon T'ung they have occupied a good part of the territory lying between Shun-titah and Hsiaohai-shan, and are laying tribute wholesale over that territory. They are said to number nearly 7,000 men and are well organised and armed. The efficiency of their organisation, has deterred the Tartar General from proceeding against them. He reports that his force is not large enough to overcome them.

The active work of census-taking in the Philippines will commence on the 2nd prox.

According to the Japanese paper *Nichi Nichi*, the following are the conditions on which Russia is prepared to evacuate Newchwang:— (1) That Russia shall despatch 1,500 troops to the districts along the line of the East China Railway for the preservation of peace there. (2) That a court of high standing shall be established in Harbin, to which the judges be appointed from among Russian and Chinese officials. (3) That Post and Telegraph Offices shall be established in Harbin, Kirin, and Khabarovsk, and that the directors of the new Offices shall be selected from among the Russians and Chinese. (4) That prior to the second period of withdrawal of the Russian troops from Manchuria in April, a special agreement shall be made between Russia and China, whereby the latter shall promise to give sufficient protection to the Russian firms in Manchuria.

On the 22nd of January last, writes the *N.-C. Daily News*, an Imperial decree was issued, transferring the notoriously incapable Conservative Governor of Hunan, Yu Lien-san, to the Governorship of Shansi, vice Ting Chen-to, who had been transferred from the Governorship of Kwangsi to that of Shansi, but whose appointment was successfully objected to by the foreign representatives at Peking. A northern despatch now states that, alive to the danger of having such a man as Yu Lien-san at the head of affairs at Taiyuan, the British, French and Italian Representatives at the capital sent a protest the other day to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs against the appointment. The chances are, therefore, that like Ting Chen-to, who has since been promoted to the Viceroyship of the Yun-kuei provinces, Yu Lien-san may certainly expect a "rise" in office also; and may, perchance, find himself also promoted to the Hukuang Viceroyship, for instance, as the present retiring Viceroy, Tuan Fang, who is also Governor of Hupsh, is junior to the former.

A telegram to the *Asahi* from Peking recently reported that two thousand sabres imported by a German ship in contravention of the Protocol had been seized at Chingwantao. It was added that extensive smuggling of arms is clearly demonstrated by the equipment of the Chinese troops, they being in possession of weapons of the most modern character, but that the Foreign Powers take no notice of the fact. The *Japan Mail* comments:—Probably it will be agreed by thoughtful persons that the Powers show their wisdom in this respect. One of the most impractical provisions of the Protocol was that which vetoed the import of arms or munitions of war, since it assumed that China would take steps to give effect to an embargo of which she was herself the victim, and that she would take such steps although the safety of the State was imperilled by them. There is a higher duty than that of observing ill-considered treaty-provisions, namely, the duty of providing for the national security. If China believes that the efficient equipment of her army is essential to the discharge of that duty, and if she acts upon her belief by violating the Protocol, we can neither impugn the wisdom of her conviction nor condemn her obedience to it.

THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

(Daily Press, 9th February.)

The statement, reported in another column of Dr. R. COLTMAN, professor of surgery at the Imperial University of Peking, that another and a worse uprising of the Chinese against the foreigners is impending and that the Powers are to be blamed for their excessive leniency, is not new. Similar predictions have been made by various people conversant with the state of affairs at Peking. What is the official view on the matter in the Legations we are not in a position to say, and perhaps, considering how ill-informed the Legations showed themselves to be at the beginning of 1900, we should not look to them for the most accurate forecast of events. From missionary sources in North China—and the missionaries have means of information denied directly to the diplomatic representatives—the news is not reassuring. It cannot be doubted that the lesson of 1900-01, or rather the lesson which the Powers desired to teach, was lost for the most part on those who should have learnt it. There is little improvement to be seen in the governing classes of China. The old Court clique has lost, it is true, some of its most pernicious members, but it cannot be contended that the dominating influences now are very different from what they were at the beginning of 1900. The changes at Peking which it was intended to produce have not been brought about, and ladies' tea-parties at the Imperial Palace and talk about adopting Western costume at court are poor substitutes for the reforms which it was hoped would follow the Emperor's return to Peking. The triumphant capture of the Chinese capital on the memorable 15th of August has resulted in little that is tangible. The thought at once suggests itself that the policy of the Allies must have been wrong. The readiest idea is that which was expressed by Dr. COLTMAN, that the Powers were too lenient. Whether he means by this statement that they should have been more violent in their methods and that they should have exacted the utmost penalty from the guilty parties in the "Boxer" uprising, we do not know; but this is certainly the view of a great many. Public opinion has passed through many changes recently towards China. With the news of the murder of many foreigners and the attack of the Legations, and still more with the false story of the fall of the Legations ringing in their ears, people were inflamed violently against the Chinese. Then the reports of the devastation wrought by the allied troops created a strong revulsion of feeling, particularly in the United States, and the terms exacted by the Powers were considered excessive. Now, weary of the protracted negotiations and alarmed by the menacing state of affairs in several provinces, a section at least of general opinion has again become hostile to China, and the failure of the lesson which the Allies tried to teach her has led to exasperation. Not much consideration, we suspect, has been given to the question why the Allies failed. Yet the failure is not really surprising. The Powers drove the Imperial family in hasty flight from Peking, demanding instant summary punishment of those implicated in the "Boxer" movement. A few of these were beheaded, a few more degraded, and the rest are again in power. The Allies then proceeded to lay upon China's chaotic and ruinous finances the burden of an enormous indemnity, while obtaining the promise of removal of obstacles to trade. The latter provision was excellent, but there are no signs of it being

actually carried out; while the weight of the indemnity, increased by the fall in the value of silver, is felt all over China, particularly by those who did not in any way countenance the 1900 rising. It was a most disastrous error for the foreign nations to grasp at the substance of a money payment, while suffering to remain as shadows the engagements to open up China to trade. It may be said that a big indemnity always forms part of the victor's programme in modern war. But China is not a nation which can be treated exactly like other nations. The past history of the international relations of China suffices to show this. Repeatedly have other nations defeated the Chinese and exacted a heavy indemnity. Yet China is little changed, and the foreigner is as unacceptable as ever. For the most part, the West has not forced China to admiration, but to hate. Nor is this unnatural, for the methods of the Western countries have been altogether wrong. China as a country has never been conquered by Western arms, and the probability is that she never will be. Her mercantile conquest has begun, but it will not be furthered by the policy of extorting huge money payments from the people for the offences of a few, while leaving the corrupt officials to evade the promises to remove obstacles to trade. A great opportunity was offered after the recent troubles of bringing about some genuine reforms for the advancement of commerce and intercourse between China and the rest of the world. Thanks to the mutual jealousies of the Powers and the grasping policy of the majority of them, the opportunity was lost—irretrievably, it would seem. It is unprofitable now to talk of undue leniency having been shown toward China. Our serious mistake was that of blindness toward our own interests, which were really the interests of China also.

RUSSIA IN MANCHURIA.

(Daily Press, 10th February.)

It might be supposed that the lapse of time between the posting of a letter from Peking to London and the return of that letter in published form to China must deprive it of most, if not of all, of its interest for those who live out here. But this cannot be said of any of the communications of Dr. MORRISON to the *Times*, for so much of the information which he is able to get seems never to become known through other sources, while even if the facts are public the well-known correspondent's comments on them possess a value peculiarly their own. One of the most recent issues of the *Times* contained a letter dated Peking, the 12th November last, in which Dr. MORRISON wrote at considerable length on the topic of Manchuria and the Russian railway. If anything were needed to emphasise the impression that Russia has no intention whatever of withdrawing from Manchuria this letter should do so. Beginning with an affirmation of his belief in the statement that the whole Far Eastern question might have been changed, if at the time of the joint representation by Russia, France, and Germany that the occupation by Japan of the leased Peninsula of Liaotung would be detrimental to the lasting peace of the Orient, Japan had obtained, as she easily could have obtained, a self-denying undertaking that no one of the three Powers would ever occupy the territory from which she was being ousted. "But the undertaking was not asked for, and within less than three years Russia was in military occupation of the territory and fortress from which she had ejected Japan. And,

more than that, she had, with unrivalled "diplomatic dexterity, secured the right to "join this fortress in the south with a "Russian city that was being erected in the "heart of Manchuria, which city was itself "to be united by three different lines of "railway with the Russian territory of "Siberia. Thus Manchuria has been occupied and has become another great "province of the Russian Empire. Only "armed force can now drive Russia out of "Manchuria, the armed force of some other "Power than China." The letter goes on to describe how Russia is trying to make her position in Manchuria inexpugnable, and the description is remarkable, but unfortunately too long for quotation here. The railway itself alone is a wonderful achievement, with its 1,555 miles of rails, so laid that it passes by the gates of almost every important city in Manchuria until it reaches Port Arthur. The direction of the line has been changed several times, "each change of direction bringing the railway further to the south and looping on to Russian territory an ever-increasing area of Manchuria." But it is not the railway alone that compels admiration. The energy which has transformed the whole province is manifested in many ways.

This marvellous energy, as Dr. MORRISON calls it, is nowhere more manifested than in the establishment of towns, sometimes where but a few huts or nothing at all originally stood. Hailar, Tsitsihar, Harbin or Kharbin, Yimienho, Pogranitchnaia—all are monuments to Russia's industry and success. Here, for instance, is part of Dr. MORRISON's description of Hailar:—"Five "years ago I travelled down the Siberian "frontier and came to this town. The "town was Chinese, peopled by emigrants "from Shansi, driven from home at the "time of the great famine. It is now a "Russian town. Russian shops line the "main street. *Iavoshtchiks* ply for hire at "the street corners. In the main street a "Greek church is being built; there is a "Red Cross hospital. Where five years "ago there were some Mongol tents there "is now a Russian railway town with hotels "and brick station-houses, with hospitals "and a public garden. Russian ladies with "silk parasols were strolling in the sun, "men were riding bicycles. In the engine "sheds there were twenty-two locomotives." Again there is Pogranitchnaia, the frontier town of Manchuria. "Here on the slopes "of a hill overlooking deeper valleys along "which the railway winds, among hills "green and beautiful, with woods of oak "and pine, has been constructed bodily a "Russian town of red-brick villas with "wide streets, with water and electric light "laid on, with a station whose reticulation "of tracks would suggest a railway junction "in Europe, with engine-stalls for twenty- "two locomotives, with church and school "and public library and public garden. "At the station, lit with electric light, is the "frontier Custom-house where goods enter- "ing Siberia pay their heavy duties, but "where goods entering Manchuria from "Siberia are allowed a full rebate of all "duties that were collected on their entry "into Siberia at Vladivostok." The *Times* correspondent goes on to say that it is understood that when Russia evacuates Manchuria she will set up Customs stations at the Chinese frontier, both on her leased territory near Port Arthur and at Pogranitchnaia, and there collect duties according to the Chinese tariff and pay them over to China. This is what Russia leads us to understand is her intention and her policy. "The Chinese, I am informed," says Dr. MORRISON, "would be willing to discount

"at a reasonable percentage the profits that are likely to accrue to them from such disinterested action on the part of the friendly northern Power, whose friendship has already cost China so dear." Can this be wondered at? We must admit the astuteness of Russian policy. The primary causes of its success were the neglect of Japan in the first place, alluded to above, and the absolutely backboneless attitude of Great Britain over the matter of Port Arthur, in the second. It is apparently impossible to repair matters now, and though it may be never too late to regret, it is at least unprofitable.

GREAT BRITAIN AND THE EASTERN QUESTION.

(Daily Press, 12th February.)

In one of its latest issues the *Saturday Review* protests against the "barbarous, but convenient, phraseology" which divides the many-sided Eastern problem into those of the Near, Middle, and Far East, and the idea that Britain could favour one policy in the Mediterranean, one in the Persian Gulf, and a third in the China Seas. There is, unfortunately, some point in this protest, and those British residents in China who have watched the development of their country's policy in this portion of the world have good cause for knowing the inconsistencies of that policy. There is now a better appreciation of the necessity of coherent action in the East, but it is gravely to be doubted whether there is an understanding of all that this involves. It is recognised that in dealing with the Eastern question Britain has to take into consideration chiefly two Powers, Russia and Germany, but the theories commonly advocated as to the best method of treating with those two countries are various and often exceedingly illogical. It cannot be said that the feelings of the home public at the present moment toward either Germany or Russia are amiable or conciliatory, while the Government has shown a mixture of undue concession and of occasional defiance which, unless backed up by a show of determination, is the reverse of politic. Resentment against Germany being wide-spread just now in England, it is not surprising that there should be a revival of the spirit of tolerance toward Russia's aggressive proceedings which marked the period at the close of the China-Japan war, when Russia was beginning to aim at the position in Manchuria which she has now practically consolidated. To this no doubt is due the comparative mildness of the public protests in England over the Dardanelles question, many of which are directed mainly against Germany for not joining in upholding the Treaty of Paris. The *Saturday Review*, pro-German in its tendencies, claims on valid grounds that British journalists should try to take a reasonable view of the German position rather than indulge in the manufacture of "ill-mannered doggerel and ill-informed leading articles." It is indeed only just that we should consider how much more Germany stands to lose than Britain in a conflict with Russia. A recent writer in the *Contemporary Review* discusses once more the question of the "coming struggle between Slav and Teuton" and urges that British diplomacy should declare what German diplomacy has so often declared that the question of Constantinople is of no immediate interest to us. Now, whether we do or do not look on the Slav-Teutonic struggle as inevitable, the argument from German to British diplomacy is not sound as far as any question affecting

the Mediterranean is concerned. We cannot look with indifference on the attempt at domination over the eastern end of the Mediterranean by a great naval Power. Nevertheless we cannot expect Germany to risk Russia's enmity by opposing that scheme of domination because it threatens us. Germany's interests in the Nearer East lie in Mesopotamia, where she has a projected railway line. In the advance of this line to the Persian Gulf, Germany does challenge Russia's designs and comes also in contact with British interests. The basis of an agreement with Germany in that part of the East seems therefore obviously to lie in the union of German and British schemes in the neighbourhood of the Gulf, which is perfectly feasible. But on the principle of maintaining a consistent Eastern policy, Britain should not, as in the case of the notorious "Yangtze agreement," as the Germans have called it, make a small bargain, leaving the other Eastern problems to be worked out separately. There is nothing more desirable than a general understanding between Britain and Germany on Eastern affairs at all points where the two countries' interests touch, coupled with what is known as a "benevolent attitude" on the part of each Power toward the other's remaining interests in the East. Such an understanding, it is needless to say, is not promoted by the utterances of Germanophobes and Anglophobes. It must also be recognised that an understanding of this nature is not an alliance—a word calculated to cause so much alarm—but a business transaction, requiring only good faith and mutual confidence. Surely such a compact is not impossible between two peoples noted for their business-like qualities.

CALCUTTA AND THE PLAGUE.

(Daily Press, 13th February.)

At various periods in the past we have referred to the experience of different Eastern cities in the matter of plague, and the subject is one which must always be of interest here until the disease is thoroughly stamped out. The most recent plague report issued is that of the Health Officer of Calcutta, Major DEANE. Calcutta must be allowed to be a favourable spot for the study of plague, seeing that in the course of thirteen months ending last June no fewer than 7,000 died there of the disease or of what was commonly supposed to be that disease. Major DEANE's report is particularly interesting in that he differs in many points from a great number of plague specialists. He takes as his motto a Biblical quotation "Learn to say: I do not know," and proceeds to reject some of the favourite theories with regard to plague. He protests against the attribution by the laity to the medical profession of a greater knowledge of the plague bacillus than the profession actually possesses. "They seem to think, to speak unconventionally, that we can see Mr. and Mrs. Bacillus with a large family in attendance walking about." Now the Calcutta Health Officer confesses that nothing is known about the origin of plague. It is not contagious, but is chiefly air-borne and spread by dust. The rat theory of the conveyance of plague receives no support from Major DEANE. Where there are rats and plague, he allows, rats die of plague, but when there are no rats plague spreads. They are, in his opinion, an unimportant means of spreading the disease; but his assistants in the compilation of the report disagree with him here, it is to be noted, inclining to the view (which is strongly borne out by the Hong-

kong evidence) that rats play a large part in a plague epidemic. With regard to the question of inoculation as a preventive of plague, a means of combating the scourge which we are apt to look on as peculiarly Indian, it appears that in the year under discussion only forty people were inoculated in Calcutta. This is curious when we consider the great inoculation scheme inaugurated at the end of last year in the Punjab; and the diversity of opinion shown in two parts of India is a little perplexing. It is plain from the Calcutta report that prophylactic and serum treatment receives no favour from the medical authorities there. In the fight against plague the main reliance, according to Calcutta's experience, is to be placed on disinfection and in the demolition of insanitary buildings. It is satisfactory to us in Hongkong to know that we are already adopting these methods, practically to the exclusion of all others. We have not done so, of course, without partial recourse to other plans, nor should we have done rightly had we done so. But now that we have elected to put our faith mainly in disinfection and demolition it is gratifying to see that the chief town of India endorses our action. It is possible that, as we all devoutly hope, we shall be spared a plague epidemic this year; nevertheless we should be encouraged to persevere in the policy of disinfection and demolition. The latter part of the programme, in view of the comparatively enormous amount of insanitary property in the city, must necessarily be slow, in spite of the passage of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance. But the Government has the more reason to press on the work in that the experience of a far larger place confirms the utility, or rather the necessity, of its line of policy. Some of our Indian contemporaries are wont to sneer at Hongkong's concern over plague, comparing the Indian figures with ours. We venture, however, to say that plague produces relatively more damage to this Colony's progress than to the prosperity of the Indian cities, owing to our peculiar position as a junction between so many parts of the world. At any rate we should use the experience of India in the matter of plague to the utmost extent, and all reports of the great cities of the Dependency have thus a peculiar value for us.

ATHLETICS IN EDUCATION.

(Daily Press, 11th February.)

MR. RUDYARD KIPLING has yet, we believe, to denounce horse-racing, and we should hesitate, in Race Week, to imagine what terms of abuse he would find most appropriate for its votaries. Perhaps it is because horse-racing cannot be considered an essentially British sport that the "frenzied poet" has spared it; its cosmopolitanism has saved it. Yet, as it is a sport which for the majority of the participants is but of a spectacle or a means of wagering, it might be expected to come in for the wrath of the hostile critic of the leading field-sports. MR. KIPLING's attacks on the latter do not seem to have produced the effect he desired, though they certainly created a stir almost as violent as his "Rowers" has since brought about in the political world. There was, however, a side of Mr. KIPLING's criticism of sport which, had it been more happily expressed, would have received more careful hearing, and it is a side which does not lack eminent support. We see that during the course of the Education debate in the House of Commons, Lord CHARLES BERESFORD

attempted, though without success, to move an amendment requiring compulsory physical and military instruction in all schools supported by public funds. Nothing, we should imagine, would more please Mr. KIPING than such a scheme. The military training to which Lord CHARLES BERESFORD referred included, it appears, the teaching how to march, to swim, and to give orders, and, if possible, to fire a rusk or small-bore rifle at a target. Physical training implies drill and, we suppose, athletics too. Now there certainly is no lack of athletics at the present time, and the real point raised by Lord CHARLES BERESFORD is the question of compulsion. Discussing this subject, the *Naval and Military Record* contends that most lads lack the opportunity rather than the desire to exercise their muscles, and that the multiplication of gymnasia, and increased facilities for manly exercises, such as sculling, cricket, football, cycling, &c., will bring about a great change in the physique of the youth. Nevertheless, says the service paper, Lord CHARLES BERESFORD's proposal is a good one, and the War Office and the Board of Education should combine to give effect to it. We agree with our contemporary, but imagine that the joint efforts of the War Office and Board of Education to draw up a scheme in which sport and work will be properly combined in the physical programme of publicly supported schools might be rather painful to watch.

TERRORISM IN HONGKONG.

While the recent arrests in Hongkong and seizure of arms in connection with the threatened rising in Canton have brought in their train the usual number of alarmist rumours, founded or unfounded, of developments to be expected, there is one aspect of the affair which is of a very substantial character and is deserving of most serious consideration. It is a notorious fact that there are men, not one or two, in Hongkong whom the Chinese Government would gladly get hold of. Members of the Reform party, they have preserved their security from him by the protection of the British flag. Among the Reform party in Hongkong there may be some who use that protection as a cloak under which to plot schemes against a friendly Power, but the persons referred to are not in that category. They are men intimately associated with the movement perhaps, taking a keen interest in it and fostering it with a view to its ultimate peaceable consummation if possible, but not lifting an armed hand against the Chinese Government. Of that class it can safely be said that there are at present in the Colony more than can be counted on the ten fingers who find themselves in the position of being just now in constant fear of kidnapping or bodily violence at the hands of Chinese emissaries. It is an open secret that there is quite a number of secret agents here sifting the recent plot and striving their utmost to bring the plotters to book. The danger is that in their zeal they will work harm to innocent men. The murder of the Reformer in Gage Street is not yet forgotten and it still serves to show to what lengths the Chinese will go in getting rid of any man who has made himself objectionable to them. Kang Yu-wei saved his head by flight only. He is now in Darjeeling and his family are safe at Macao. But his intimates and sympathisers are still objects of aversion, men with a price upon their heads. Warrants are said to have been issued from Canton for the arrest of several well-known Chinese in the Colony. How these can be put into execution in a British possession remains to be seen, but it behoves the objects of them to give no opportunity to the secret agents to work evil upon them, in Hongkong at any rate, though unfortunately there is no security against the persecution of their families and clans in the interior. The authorities, it is rumoured, are fully on the alert in the matter and have taken all possible precautions.

EXCITING INCIDENTS IN THE HARBOUR.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

E. E. Smallwood, ship's mate, aged about 35, fell overboard from the last launch leaving Hongkong for Kowloon on the 10th inst., and was rescued by another European passenger, who gallantly jumped into the water when it was seen that Smallwood was incapable of reaching the life-buoys thrown him and was in imminent danger of drowning. A passenger on the launch gives the following interesting account of the occurrence:—We were about a couple of hundred yards from the Hongkong wharf when I was startled by a sudden splash and shouts from below, on the lower deck. I sprang up and could just see a dark object floating past the stern of the launch. I detached one of the life-buoys and threw it as far as I could in the direction of the man in the water, but he made only a feeble and futile attempt to reach it, and I thought he had gone down. The launch was stopped and backed with remarkable celerity, considering that she had been going full speed, and as we neared the spot where the man was last seen we caught sight of him again, floating helplessly face downwards a little below the surface of the water, with his arms and legs extended. We shouted to him and threw more life-buoys, any of which, had he been able, he might easily have secured, for he was so close to the launch that we could drop the buoys almost on top of him. One, indeed, struck him, and I thought had sent him to the bottom, but he rose again to the same position, buoyed up by his coat, which spread out mat-like and kept him from sinking. Just then there was another splash, and when I looked I saw that another European passenger, a German, I think, whose name I do not know, was striking out for the drowning man. He reached him in the nick of time, and swam back with him to the launch, where ready hands dragged both on board. I thought at first that the man in the water was a Chinaman, but as I helped to lift him over the side I saw that he was an European. He appeared to be quite lifeless as we laid him down, and from a cut on his forehead it was evident that he had struck the side of the launch in falling and probably stunned himself. Fortunately there was a doctor amongst the passengers—Dr. Moses, of the U. S. transport *Sherman*—and to him no less than to the plucky German who took him from the water Smallwood owes his life. Dr. Moses, assisted by other passengers, adopted restorative measures, but about ten minutes had elapsed before Smallwood showed signs of life. The launch was stopped for the steamer *Rubi*, where some brandy was procured and administered. Smallwood, in an unconscious state, was eventually carried by the same passengers who had attended him on the launch to Tsimshatsui Police Station where he was looked after. Smallwood was in the water for a space of only five minutes, but he remained insensible for hours, and had not recovered full consciousness at five o'clock in the morning, when he was sent to the Government Civil Hospital, where he succumbed yesterday morning.

P. C. COUNSELL TO THE RESCUE.

P. C. Counsell, of the Water Police, seems to make a hobby of saving people from drowning. Quite recently he received at the hands of H. E. the Governor the Royal Humane Society's bronze medal and the Belilios star, carrying with it a donation of \$25, for saving the lives of five Chinese whose junk was wrecked in the last typhoon that visited the Colony, and who would have perished but for P. C. Counsell. The latest instance of his bravery occurred at 4.15 on the morning of Friday, the 6th inst. P. C. Counsell was on duty in the harbour in a steam pinnace, and when near the *Express of India* he heard cries for assistance. The pinnace was immediately headed for the spot, on reaching which a capsized sampan and four Chinese struggling in the water explained the reason for the shouts. Life-buoys were thrown from the *Express of India*, but on account of the strong wind and tide the unfortunate people could not reach them. Thereupon P. C. Counsell dived from the pinnace and rescued three persons the fourth, who, like the others, was very much exhausted, being saved by the Chinese fireman of the launch, who followed P. C. Counsell into the water.

WEDDING AT S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

On the 9th inst. at S. John's Cathedral a pretty and well attended wedding was witnessed between Mr. Joseph Hooper, of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company and eldest son of the late Mr. H. D. C. Hooper of Bristol, and Miss Mabel Elizabeth Sayer, daughter of Mr. G. J. B. Sayer, of H.M. Naval Yard, Hongkong. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. T. Johnson, M.A., assisted by the Rev. E. H. Good, M.A., R.N. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a gown of ivory duchesse satin, profusely trimmed with Honiton lace and silk accordion-pleated chiffon, relieved with dainty knots of orange blossom and medallions of *applique*; a white fall veil and a wreath of orange blossom completed a most effective costume. She was attended by three bridesmaids, Misses Edie Sayer, Gussie Hinds, and Phyllis Drew—the last-named a tiny child just able to walk. The best man was Mr. H. N. Tibbey. The service was choral and concluded with Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," the organist being Mr. A. G. Ward. The chancel of the Cathedral was decorated for the occasion with plants and with palms fashioned into arches, producing a very pretty effect. After the ceremony was over, the popular young bridegroom and his bride, followed by their relations and a large body of friends, proceeded by a specially adorned launch to Kowloon, where the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. B. Sayer was extended to all the guests at Sir Paul Chater's bungalow, generously lent for the occasion. The newly married couple start on a brief wedding trip on the 10th inst.

POLLARD'S LILLIPUTIANS AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

"PAUL JONES."

When *Paul Jones* was first given to the public some eight years ago at the Savoy, its fanciful plot and entrancing music caught the public fancy; and since then the opera has lost nothing of attractiveness whether considered as standing alone on its merits or as put into contrast with contemporaries. The prevalent taste for comic opera so well gauged by Gilbert and Sullivan found itself suited in no less a degree by Planquette's numbers. *Paul Jones* was a success of the kind called "immediate." It has never lost its hold upon the affections of the public. Its freshness appears to be perennial. Each time one hears a repetition one discovers a new charm, hidden before in very profusion. There was little wonder therefore that when the talented Pollards announced the opera to be upon their repertory during their present visit to Hongkong, a general desire to renew acquaintance with it should manifest itself and that the Theatre Royal in consequence should be filled in every part on the afternoon and evening of the 7th inst. on the occasion of the first productions. For those unfortunate beings who had not had the foresight to book their places for the evening performance there was nothing but chagrin and disappointment. Only the capacity of the building limited the numbers of the audience, and many had to be turned away through lack of accommodation. With regard to the performance itself there appeared to be no two opinions. The house was delighted and showed its appreciation in no uncertain fashion. The Lilliputians won all hearts. Their rendering of *Paul Jones* was on the traditional lines laid down by George Edwards and was excellently carried out in the best Lilliputian manner. Of course there were apparent deficiencies which must always be present where a juvenile combination attempt a full-grown piece; but (and it is a most important but) what is lost in one direction is more than compensated for in another; for if the children in some cases suffer in comparison with their elders regarding individuality and stage "business," there is no doubt that considered as a whole the Lilliputians possess a freshness both of voice and action, a buoyancy and a charming naïveté that are largely denied to their more experienced counterparts. It would be erroneous, however, to say that the Pollards are lacking in individualism. Some of the little people evinced a cleverness

beyond their years, and the vocal parts were admirably done. Miss Ivy Trutt made an excellent *Paul Jones*; she sang well and acted most convincingly as the pirate chief. To Miss Alice Pollard was entrusted the rôle of *Yvonne*; her singing was worthy of the recalls which were given her, and her sweet voice was heard to great advantage in the solos of the part, best of all perhaps in "Before the Altar," as well as in the duets with her sweetheart. Miss Irene Loftus was the *Rufino*, and the appearance she made was one of the best in the cast. Master Jack Pollard and Miss Daphne Pollard were beyond words funny as *Bouillabaisse* and "The Insect," in which capacity they kept the audience rippling with laughter. Master Willie Thomas was an ideal guardian uncle to the heroine, Master C. Bindloss a typical privateering captain, and Miss Connie Pollard a clever *Chopinette*, her sabot song and dance being particularly well done. Also deserving of more than passing mention were Miss May Topping and Master Oscar Haints in the respective parts of *Malaguena* and *Don Trocadero*. It remains to be added that the setting of the piece was all that could be desired, pretty and tasteful, especially the garden scene. The picture dances were greatly admired, but the management have to face the problem whether or no this effect is worth retaining at the expense of the continuous and most irritating noise made by the electric light apparatus in the dress circle. For our part, we say—Sacrifice the light. The *Ocean* band played the incidental music with their accustomed ability. Sometimes, by the way, the accompaniment appeared to be rather overpowering for the soloists, but that should be easily remedied.

Paul Jones was repeated on Monday and Tuesday.

On the 8th inst. was the Lilliputians' holiday, and they enjoyed themselves. Accepting the kind invitation of Capt. Howie, the entire company sat down to tiffin in the *Changsha's* saloon, and at 3 p.m. the *Empress of India* was visited and afternoon tea partaken of. Then Capt. Tate of the *Rosetta Maru* carried them off to dinner, where they enjoyed themselves so thoroughly that they could not avail themselves of the kind invitation from the *Doric's* skipper.

"A GAUITY GIRL."

A piece more in accord with the spirit of gaiety at present abroad in the Colony, a spirit engendered by the recurrence of our annual Race Meeting, which everyone feels bound to make an effort to attend, could not have been chosen than that of *A Gaiety Girl*, the comedy staged at the Theatre Royal on Wednesday by Pollard's versatile juvenile combination. Needless to say, the house was full, and was never in better humour; those whose fancies at the Races had realised expectations and justified expenditure in the backing of them were tuned to the necessary appreciative pitch, whilst less fortunate speculators forgot the "sure things" that had, alas! proved but broken reeds and laughed as heartily as anyone at the humorous story related from across the footlights. Animated in action and bright in dialogue, *A Gaiety Girl* possesses an attraction equal to if not greater than that of *The Belle of New York*, than which it is perhaps even more boisterous. However, putting distinctions to one side, the production, admirably staged, proved a worthy addition to the successes already gained by the Lilliputians. The comedy is too well known and appreciated to need either introduction or commendation, and so we shall content ourselves merely with discussing the appearance made by the ambitious little performers who essayed its presentment.

Interest generally centred in Master Jack Pollard and Miss Daphne Pollard. Miss Daphne's was not the most important part in the cast, but the little lady has already given such undoubted proofs of her ability that in her case the question of rôle becomes a detail hardly to be considered in relation to her occupancy of the stage; enough that she takes a part, and that she will not allow it to be relegated to obscurity. She was the chaplain, the *Rev. Montagu Brierly*, and fulfilled as such the promises of her earlier appearances in *The Belle of New York* and *Paul Jones*. Master Jack Pollard, too, was excellent,

and as *Sir Lewis Gray*, the judge of the Divorce Court, imparted to the character that touch of personality which made his other representations so successful. He sang well, once, as a bit of "gag," from the stalls, and was encored four times. *Lady Virginia Forrest* had a charming delineator in Miss Connie Pollard; and Miss Nellie McNamara, the stage wife of Master Jack Pollard, appeared creditably in the part of *Lady Gray*. Miss Lillie Moore as *Capt. Fitzwarren*, Miss Irene Loftus as *Lieut. Rivers*, and Master C. Bindloss as *Lieut. Farquar*, three dashing officers of the Life Guards, were as attractive in their respective military rôles as Miss Ivy Trott (*Capt. Goldfield*) and Master Willie Thorne (*Major Barclay*) were in theirs. Minna, a French maid, had a capable exponent in Miss May Topping, and the part of *Lady Aldwin* was forcefully portrayed by Miss Alice Pollard.

The piece was appropriately mounted and dressed, and the various *pas de deux* were gracefully executed, an Irish jig receiving special favour. The comedy was repeated on Thursday and last night.

SWATOW.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Swatow, 9th February.

NEW MISSION HOSPITALS.

A very pleasant and rare ceremony took place here on Friday last, the 6th instant, when the new Swatow Mission hospitals, situated close to the English Presbyterian Mission premises, were officially opened. In response to the invitation issued, almost all the foreign residents were present at the function. There was also quite a crowd of Chinese belonging to the upper classes as well as Chinese officials and the local Consular representatives. Several of the native officials were prevented from attending owing to having gone to Chowchowfoo to offer their condolences to the Taotai on his recent bereavement. A dedicatory service, partly in English and partly in Chinese, was first held in the hospital chapel. Dr. Lyall, in a neat discourse, then gave a retrospect of the existence of Mission hospitals in Swatow, which was listened to with great interest. It appears that the first Mission hospital was built here about 30 years ago. He also incidentally mentioned that the cost for the building of the present hospitals was defrayed by subscription, to which Mr. Richardson, head of Messrs. Bradley & Co., and Mr. Tan Ho-teng, a well known local philanthropist, munificently contributed. \$10,000 were also sent from England. The hospitals, consisting of one department for men and one for women, the former comprising 180 and the latter 100 beds, and built after the most modern system, were subsequently opened by Messrs. Richardson and Tan Ho-teng, who had the keys handed to them by Dr. Lyall and Miss Alexander, M.D., respectively. The two latter were attired in their academical robes and afforded quite an interesting aspect to those present. The opening performance having ended, tea was served for all in the hospital chapel. A function of a similar nature will take place some time next year, when an Anglo-Chinese college will be inaugurated here.

The *Universal Gazette's* Peking correspondent writes that Governor Wang Chih-chun of Kwangsi recently memorialised the Throne on the present condition of affairs in that province, and among other things he stated that the regions on the right bank of the West River were comparatively quiet, but the rebels on the left bank of the River had again broken out, making Chiang chow and Pinchow their headquarters. In consequence the Governor intended to make Limchow his basis of operations against them. The Peking authorities were surprised that after having repeatedly received reports of successes of the Government troops in Kwangsi, the Governor should now report that the rebels had again broken out, showing that his previous reports of victories could not be all true. In consequence the Court issued a command to the Governor on the 10th ult. to hasten his operations.

JAPAN.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Tokyo, 28th January.

THE GENERAL ELECTIONS.

The elections in Japan take place on March 1st, and will probably be contested with considerable bitterness. The reason of that bitterness is this. The Opposition thinks that the Government had recourse to a nasty way of revenging itself on them when it dissolved the House of Representatives; and there was indeed no reason for taking that step, since there was a general election as recently as August last and since the Government itself knew perfectly well that the great bulk of the nation was of the same way of thinking as the Opposition on the particular question that brought about the dissolution. In short, it is clear that the Government wanted to wound the Opposition members in their most vulnerable part, their purses, for in Japan an election is proportionately far more expensive than are elections anywhere else, costing each candidate, as it does, at least 3,000 yen (£300 sterling) on an average. For Japanese politicians this expense is very serious, as most of them are impecunious. This is to be seen by the way in which money-lenders and creditors descend on them in a body once they pass the threshold of the House of Representatives on pay-day (in Japan the members of Parliament are paid); and also by the arrest of several members lately for embezzlement. To make matters worse, the members will not now, on account of the dissolution, receive for some time the second half of the 2,000 yen, which is paid to them in two instalments, one of the instalments being paid to them at the beginning of the session and the other towards the end of it.

The Opposition members are not therefore over-fond of the Government, and a recent action of the Cabinet will not serve to mollify them. I allude to the convocation in Tokyo of the Provincial Governors whom the Cabinet lectured in a most fatherly manner on its policy and whom it recommended to be very, very fair at the forthcoming elections. It seemed very kind of the Government to take all this trouble, but the Opposition members are not at all grateful; in fact they have denounced the Government for having attempted to make the election officials their agents, and one of the Opposition newspapers—not a very reputable one, it must be confessed—goes so far as to assert that the Government is using the money of the State for the purpose of forming a Government party; and though this cannot be true it shows how little love is lost between the Government and its enemies.

COLLAPSE OF PARLIAMENTARISM.

I am afraid that the present condition of politics in Japan would furnish the London *Spectator* with another argument to prove that the "talking shops" are almost everywhere losing the confidence of the people, and that the time has come to shut most of them up. I shall not give my own views on this subject. I shall give those of a Japanese, and of a Japanese who is in a peculiar position to know all about the working of the constitutional system. I refer to Mr. Ozaki, one of the leaders of the *Seiyu-kai* (Constitutionalists), Marquis Ito's party. To sum up Mr. Ozaki's observations in a few words, he is so disgusted with constitutional Government in Japan that he advocates a suspension of the constitution until such time as the nation is ripe for a constitution. This runs counter to John Stuart Mill's well-known remark with regard to the balance of advantages on the side of representative government, but nobody who is acquainted with the working of constitutional government in this country can fail to sympathise with Mr. Ozaki in his despair.

It might be questioned, however, whether Japan has really got a constitutional Government to start with. Marquis Ito, who drew up the constitution and who ought presumably to know something about it, has told us again and again that the Cabinet is not responsible to the people but only to the Mikado, and the present Cabinet is certainly taking the same view of the matter, for it is still in power though violently opposed by all the members in the House of Representatives, with the exception of about a dozen. Then the Mikado's claim to

divinity, which Marquis Ito would also support, is quite incompatible with true representative Government of any sort. To give an instance of how great the monarchical power is in this country, I need only mention an incident that happened in 1901 just before Marquis Ito left office. The Marquis brought in a budget which was opposed by the House of Peers not because that noble assembly disliked the budget, but because they disliked the Marquis. Now the Marquis naturally wanted his budget to pass, and, as he possesses great influence with the Emperor, he induced His Majesty to issue an edict ordering the Peers to give way. It would be impossible to describe the ludicrous precipitancy with which the noble lords climbed down. They acted as if a voice from heaven had spoken to them. Somebody said: "Yes, of course we must give way, but let us discuss the bill in the usual way," whereupon an old nobleman cried out against such a sacrilegious utterance and insisted on the bill being rushed through at once. There can be no question that respect for the Emperor is the one thing that saves Japan from anarchy, but why talk of the existence of constitutional Government in a country where the like of this can occur?

But, to return to Mr. Ozaki, that eminent politician thinks that constitutional Government has been a failure in Japan because of the ignorance of the common people, who cannot really imagine what they are to do with a vote if they are not to sell it. Elections in Japan are consequently, says Mr. Ozaki, contests in bribery; the candidate with the longest purse comes out as a rule on top. High-minded men may hold out for a time, but they finally sink to the corrupt level of their surroundings, until finally a corrupt electorate is fitly represented by a corrupt legislature.

Mr. Ozaki's next complaint is about the expenditure, which has been increasing fearfully in Japan, from 57,730,025 yen in 1872 to 275,751,194 in 1902. The M.P.'s denounce this increase in and out of season and whenever they want to overthrow a Government and no other excuse comes handy, then they accuse that government of increasing—or at least of not—reducing the public expenditure, and hotly declare that this sort of thing must once and for all be put a stop to.

It seems inconsistent, however, for the members of the Diet to exhibit such a burning zeal for economy in the public service while at the same time enjoying salaries which are, as salaries go in Japan, simply enormous. They recently increased their own salaries by 250 per cent., that is, they get 2,000 yen for three months' work, more than a Minister of State gets. And what makes the matter worse is the judges are so miserably underpaid—a Japanese judge is a lucky man if he touches his pound a week—that they want on strike some time ago for higher wages. They presented at the same time a petition to the House of Representatives, but the members were too much occupied with the question of retrenchment to grant their request, with the result that they are now gradually dropping out of the judiciary to take up any sort of odd job that pays them better.

Not only do the members spend a good deal of public money on their precious selves; they also divert as much as they can to their own constituencies; in fact there is a brisk competition among them as to who will get the most money for his own particular district. Undoubtedly Mr. Ozaki has some reason for saying that constitutional Government has not been a success so far as Japan is concerned.

THE POINT AT ISSUE.

As to the point at issue in the forthcoming elections, I shall first say what is not that point. The increase of the navy is not the point at issue, for on this point there is no difference of opinion in Ministerial and Opposition circles. In short, the only point on which the country will be invited to express its verdict at the coming general elections is as to the ways and means for bringing about the contemplated increase of the navy. In other words the electors are expected to indicate by their votes on the 1st of March next whether they wish to have the funds required for the increase of the navy provided, as the Government proposes, by the continuance of the present tax on land which is to expire in about a year's time, or

whether they insist, like their former representatives, on having the proposed naval programme financed partly by economy in administrative expenses, and partly by a change in the period over which the prosecution of various public works is to be spread.

TWO ELDER STATESMEN.

It is interesting to note in conclusions that the two most prominent statesmen in Japan, I mean Marquis Ito, leader of the *Seiyu-kai* or constitutionalists and Count Okuma, leader of the progressives, will work in harmony at the coming general elections. For the first fourteen years of the present reign, these two statesmen were the closest of friends and they together originated those great measures of national regeneration which have brought about such a marvellous transformation in Japan; but after Count Okuma's retirement from office in 1881 their friendly relations ceased and were only restored a few weeks ago. It is asserted that in case they overturn the Government they will form a coalition cabinet, but this is very improbable.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LD.

The seventeenth ordinary annual general meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held on the 7th inst. in the registered office, 38, Queen's Road Central. Mr. Hart Buck presided, and there were also present Hon. C. S. Sharp, Messrs. C. Ewens, Ho Tung (directors), Ho Fook, P. C. Potts, S. Hebdon, G. Balloch, J. A. Jupp, A. H. Mance, Michael Ho Tai Sang, Lo Cheung Shu, Wong Mo Lam, and J. L. Colter (secretary).

The SECRETARY having read the notice calling the meeting,

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, the report and statement of accounts having been in your possession for some days, you are no doubt familiar with them, and I will, with your permission, dispense with the formality of reading them. The result of the year's working, though not to be compared with the two immediately preceding years in the matter of profits, should in the opinion of your directors and general managers be regarded as very satisfactory, as the whole of the profits have been made on the Company's ordinary everyday business, there being absolutely nothing derived from sales of properties, which, as you know, figured so largely in the accounts for 1900 and 1901. The accounts speak for themselves and, I think, require but little explanation from me. You will note that, as anticipated, our rent-roll has largely increased during the period under review. It may be as well to mention that the amount appearing in the profit and loss account under the heading of Interest is the balance at credit of the account after allowing for interest payable and due. The reason of the charge for fire insurance being less than in 1901 is that the unexpired premium has been valued on this occasion, which was not done last year. The charge on this account will be considerably larger for the current year, and in consequence of the very high rates now being charged by insurance companies your board are seriously considering the advisability of the Company taking its own risks or at any rate a part of them; but this would not effect to any large extent this year's accounts. In recommending a 9 per cent. dividend, your directors are not losing sight of the fact that they are paying slightly more than the Company has actually earned during the past year; but they think it advisable to equalise dividends as far as possible, and they feel justified, under the circumstances, in paying 9 per cent., especially having regard to the large transfers of profits which have been made to reserve in the past two years. I shall be very pleased to answer any questions shareholders would like to put to me with regard to the statement of accounts.

No questions being asked,

The CHAIRMAN formally made the motion.

Mr. BALLOCH seconded, and it was agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. MANCILL, seconded by Mr. POTTS, the directors were re-elected—Messrs. J. S. Van Buren, C. Ewens, Hon. C. S. Sharp, H. W. Slade, and Ho Tung.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. EWENS, Messrs. W. H. Gaskell and W. H. Potts were re-elected auditors.

There was all the business.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LD.

The ordinary half-yearly general meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held at the offices Bank Buildings, Wyndham Street, at noon on the 7th inst. The Hon. C. W. Dickson presided, and there were also present Hon. R. S. Hewan, Messrs. E. Goetz, N. A. Siebs, C. Michelan, F. A. Gomes (directors), Thomas Arnold (secretary), Captain G. C. Anderson, Captain W. E. Clark, J. N. Goosmann, J. J. Leiria, J. R. Michael, E. J. Moser, W. H. Potts, A. H. M. Silva, A. G. Stokes, and H. C. Wilcox.

The notice calling the meeting having been read by the SECRETARY.

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, I propose that as usual the report and accounts be taken as read. Your directors are pleased to be again able to present a satisfactory statement of the six months' working and trust that the proposed appropriation of profits will meet with your approval. It is perhaps doubtful whether we shall be able to show such good results in the immediate future, as the recent advent of several additional native-owned steamers to the Canton line has necessitated a material reduction of rates, while on the other hand the heavy fall in exchange has had the effect of largely increasing our running expenses. In order to hold our own, still further reductions may become necessary, so we can only rely upon a greater volume of business to maintain our earnings at their present level. The building of the new steamer *Kinsan* is well on the way to completion, and it is the intention of your directors, in conjunction with the China Navigation Company, to organise daily service of three departures to and from Canton as soon as she is ready to take the run. The purchase of the wharf-sites at Canton has involved a rather considerable outlay, but in view of the contemplated more frequent arrivals and departures, additional wharfage facilities are an absolute necessity, and we may consider ourselves fortunate in having been able to acquire these properties. The West River trade, I am pleased to say, shows decided improvement, and the recent opening of several additional ports of call will, it is hoped, tend to a still further increase in this branch of our business. I do not think that there is anything in connection with the accounts which calls for special comment on my part. As you will have observed, the premium for the insurance risk carried by the Company is now passed direct to the credit of the depreciation and insurance fund instead of being treated as an available profit, and with regard to our investments I can only say that they remain in the usual sound and satisfactory condition, the shares standing well within their market value and the mortgages showing an ample margin on the sum advanced. As there is another meeting to follow this one I will not detain you with further remarks, but before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, I shall be pleased to answer any question in connection therewith which shareholders may wish to ask.

There were no questions, and on the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. STOKES, the report and accounts as presented were adopted and passed.

Mr. MICHAEL then proposed that Mr. Michelan's appointment as a director be confirmed. The proposition was seconded by Captain ANDERSON and agreed to unanimously.

Captain CLARKE moved, and Mr. WILCOX seconded, that Messrs. A. O'D. Gourdin and W. H. Potts be re-elected as auditors. This motion was also carried without opposition.

The CHAIRMAN intimated that this closed the business of the meeting, and that dividend warrants would be ready on Monday (to-day).

Mr. MICHAEL—Before we separate, I should like to say a few words which, I feel sure, everybody here will endorse. I wish to express our appreciation of the valuable services rendered the Company by our secretary, Mr. Arnold. He has shown himself a very capable custodian of the shareholders' interests, and anybody who has come in contact with him will testify that we cannot have a better man. He is leaving shortly on a well-deserved leave, and I propose that the opportunity should be taken advantage of to present him with some souvenir, in any way that the directors may think fit,

whether in the form of a cheque or otherwise, as a token of the shareholders' esteem and confidence. Shall I make a formal motion to this effect, Mr. Chairman, or leave the matter in your hands?

The CHAIRMAN—I think I may safely say on behalf of the members of the Board that we all endorse everything you have said on the subject, and are very pleased that such a proposal has come from the shareholders in a body.

Mr. MICHAEL—Then I beg to propose that a handsome souvenir be given to the secretary, Mr. Arnold, whether in the form of a cheque or otherwise, as the directors may think fit for the valuable services rendered the Company. I hope somebody will second that.

Mr. STOKES—I have much pleasure in seconding that.

The CHAIRMAN—I think you may safely leave the matter in the hands of the directors.

Mr. MICHAEL—Certainly.

The CHAIRMAN—I take it, gentlemen, as there are no dissentients, you have all agreed to this proposal? (Applause).

Mr. ARNOLD—Gentlemen, I am very much obliged to you for what has been proposed by Mr. Michael and agreed to by you. It has come very unexpectedly to me, and I had no idea that any such motion would have been brought forward. I can only say that as long as I continue in the service of this Company no efforts will be spared on my part to merit the continuance of your approval.

The proceedings then terminated.

An extraordinary meeting of the shareholders was afterwards held to consider a resolution in relation to the articles of association.

The CHAIRMAN—This extraordinary meeting has been called in order to put before you a resolution to alter the articles of association so as to admit of there being a maximum of nine instead of as at present seven directors, a change which your Board unanimously consider to be in the best interests of the Company and which they recommend. I beg to propose that the articles of association be altered in the manner following—(a) In Article (79) the word "nine" shall be substituted for the word "seven;" (b) in Article (88) the words "nine thousand" shall be substituted for the words "seven thousand."

Mr. SILVA seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN—The confirmatory meeting will be held later on. I thank you, gentlemen, for your attendance.

HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LD.

The annual meeting of the above Company was held on the 7th inst. in the offices of the general managers, Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co. Hon. R. Shewan (chairman) presided, and there were also present Messrs. D. E. Brown, J. H. Lewis, A. J. Raymond (directors), Fung Wa Chun, C. A. Tomes, A. Babington, T. Arnold, and R. Henderson (secretary).

The SECRETARY having read the notice calling the meeting,

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, with your permission we will follow the usual custom and take the report and accounts as read. The result of the year's work differs little from that of the previous 12 months, sales of rope being still curtailed by the high price of hemp. Our turnover in consequence was the smallest we have had during the past five years, and as stocks of rope accumulated we had to shut down the factory at intervals in order to work them off. At the present high price of Manila hemp it is of course hard work for us to compete with the inferior Japanese article, which is greatly adulterated with other fibres, but nevertheless we have done so and have even sold a fair quantity in Japan itself, the quality of our rope being admittedly much superior and worth a higher figure. Since the beginning of this year the Manila hemp market has weakened and we hope to see lower prices for the raw material in future. The high cost of this has, however, not been the only factor against us. It must be borne in mind that the shipping trade last year was and still is in a very depressed condition, a state of things that has a corresponding effect on the demand for such an article as rope.

These are, however, but the ordinary fluctuations of trade which we have to expect. We have had our good years and must not complain when the lean ones come, and there is no reason that I can see why we should not still look forward with confidence to the future. If there are any questions, I shall be pleased to answer them before moving the adoption of the report and accounts.

There were no questions, and

The CHAIRMAN formally made the motion Mr. ARNOLD seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. FUNG WA CHUN moved the re-election of Messrs. Raymond, Brown and Lewis to the consulting committee.

Mr. ARNOLD seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. LEWIS moved the re-election of Messrs. T. Arnold and W. H. Potts as auditors.

Mr. BROWN seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

This was all the business.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LD.

The following is the report of the board of directors of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited, to the ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders, to be held at the offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on Monday, the 23rd February, at noon:—

Gentlemen—The directors have now to submit to you their report, with a statement of accounts for the half-year ended 31st December, 1902.

The net profit for the six months, after paying interest due and all charges, amounts to \$363,614. 5 to which has to be added the balance brought forward from last account 263,392.69

\$627,006.84

and from this have to be deducted—

Directors' fees \$10,000.00

Auditors' fees 750.00

10,750.00

leaving available for appropriation \$616,256.84

The directors recommend that a dividend for the half-year of 10 per cent. or \$250,000, and a bonus of 2 per cent. or \$50,000, in all \$300,000 be paid to the shareholders, and a bonus of \$20,000 to contributing shareholders; that \$75,000 be written from the value of Kowloon Docks, \$15,000 from the Cosmopolitan Dock, \$10,000 from the floating plant and the balance, \$186,256.84, be carried to the new account.

The engine works building proper is completed. The equipment of electric power has been started by the fitting of three powerful electrical driven cranes which have been at work for some time and have greatly facilitated the erection and transporting of the machinery for the *Kinshan* and other work. The new powerful twin-screw tug *Robert Cooke* was put into service on 1st January. The river steamer *Kinshan* has been successfully launched and the engines and boilers are now on board. The dredger *Canton River* has been thoroughly repaired in the hull and a large quantity of new machinery for the dredge at considerable cost has been fitted. She is in first-class condition and is now let to Messrs. Butterfield & Swire and at work at their new dock entrance. The repairs to the new forge hammer thrown down by the landslip in July have been completed and the hill has been cleared behind to prevent a recurrence.

The directors recommend the inauguration of a provident fund for the benefit of the Company's European staff and have made, subject to the approval of shareholders, an offer on the following lines:—The staff to contribute 3 per cent. of their salaries, on which the Company would allow interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, and to further add to the fund a similar contribution.

DIRECTORS.

The Honourable J. J. Bell-Irving and Mr. A. Haupt having left the Colony and Mr. P. White having resigned his seat, the Hon.

C. W. Dickson and Messrs. C. Michelan and J. H. Lewis have been invited by the directors to the vacant seats at the Board. These appointments require to be confirmed by the shareholders at this meeting. In accordance with clauses 78 and 85 of the Articles of Association, Messrs. N. A. Siebs and G. H. Medhurst retire by rotation, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. The Honourable R. Shewan resigned his seat at the Board in November last. Sir Paul Chater has been appointed Chairman for the year 1903.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Thomas Arnold and H. U. Jeffries, the latter acting for Mr. Fullerton Henderson, who is absent from the Colony. Messrs. Arnold and Henderson are eligible for re-election.

D. F. BROWN,

Chairman.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1903.

The accounts are as follows:—

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.		\$	c.
31st Dec. 1902.	ASSETS.		
	Aberdeen.		
To value of Aberdeen Docks, as per last statement		100,000.00	
	Kowloon.		
To value of Kowloon Docks, as per last statement		\$1,918,004.85	
Less amount since written off		129,504.85	
		1,788,500.00	
To amount paid on account of removal of hill on the new extension, Kowloon marine lot No. 27		3,353.70	
To amount paid on account of two new houses for European foremen		7,086.64	
To amount paid on account of new fitting shop		20,530.00	
To amount paid completing new hydraulic and compressed air installations		11,045.00	
To amount paid for fire service extension		1,085.00	
To amount paid on account of office extensions		2,921.00	
To amount paid on account of converting spar shed into stores		1,546.00	
To amount paid on account of removing hill at back of new forge		10,095.20	
To amount paid for new plant for shipbuilding yard		8,030.00	
To amount paid on account of new electric installation		30,831.00	
To cost of new machine tools for boiler shop		2,645.00	
To cost of new machine tools for coppersmith shop		141.00	
To cost of new machine tools for sawmill		314.00	
To cost of new machine tools for engine shop		279.00	
		1,906,430.54	
	Cosmopolitan.		
To value of Cosmopolitan Dock, as per last statement		340,676.92	
Less amount since written off		31,676.92	
		309,000.00	
To amount paid on account of four new houses for European foremen		6,507.70	
		315,507.70	
	Tugs, Dredger, Launches and Lighters.		
To value of <i>Fume</i> , as per last account		15,000.00	
To value of <i>Robert Cooke</i>		138,720.00	
To value of dredger <i>Canton River</i> , as per last account		50,040.00	
Add cost of reconstruction		85,770.00	
		175,770.00	
To value of steam launches, steam lighters, barges and boats, as per last account		110,755.90	
Less amount since written off		8,255.00	
		102,500.00	
Add cost of one new launch, less one launch sold		6,966.00	
		109,466.00	
		439,006.00	
To sundry debtors		3,331.70	
To value of material on hand		1,601,243.08	
		\$1,764,902.62	

31st Dec, 1902. LIABILITIES.		\$ c.
By shareholders for 50,000 shares of \$50 each, fully paid-up	2,500,000.00	
By Admiralty loan £20,000 0 0		
Less repayments 13,111 19 7		
	£6,888 0 5	671-16th 86,721.31
By sundry creditors		1,551,074.17
By balance of profit brought forward from last account	261,392.63	
By profit	363,614.15	
		627,006.84
		\$1,764,802.62

REVENUE ACCOUNT.		\$ c.
31st Dec. 19 2.		
To interest	37,8 2.46	
To town rent	3,062.05	
To fire insurance	4,232.88	
To office expenses, salaries, stationery and rent of head office	40,591.63	
To drawing office expenses and salaries	17,789.70	
To telegrams	1,085.46	
To legal expenses, and contingent liability	16,339.74	
To Admiralty loan exchange adjustment account	6,234.14	
To profit	363,614.15	
		\$490,852.11

1st July to 31st Dec., 19 2.		\$ c.
By net earnings of the Company's three establishments	482,656.49	
By towage, net earnings	6,448.45	
By dredger, net earnings	1,935.8	
By scrip fees	103.00	
By bonus on insurance premia, &c	108.39	
		\$490,852.11

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB RACE MEETING.

Stewards.—His Excellency Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G.; His Excellency Vice-Adml. Sir Cyprian Bridge, K.C.B.; His Excellency Maj.-Gen. Sir W. J. Gaspoigne, K.C.M.G.; Rear-Adml. H. T. Grenfell, R.N., C.M.G.; Commodore Robinson, R.N., C.B.; the Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G.; Lieut.-Colonel G. A. Hughes, D.S.O., R.A.M.C.; the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G.; J. H. Lewis, Esq.; H. P. White, Esq.; E. W. Rutter, Esq.; G. C. C. Master, Esq.; W. A. Cruickshank, Esq.; H. E. R. Hunter, Esq.; and Hart Buck, Esq.

Clerks of the Scale.—J. H. Lewis, Esq., and E. W. Rutter, Esq.

Judge.—The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G.

Assistant Judge.—H. E. R. Hunter, Esq.

Starter.—The Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G.

2nd Starter.—

Hon. Treasurer.—J. C. Peter, Esq.

Acting Clerk of the Course.—A. S. Anton, Esq.

Secretary.—John Grant, Esq.

FIRST DAY.

Despite predictions to the contrary—predictions, too, that were not unjustified by the earlier meteorological aspect—the weather on the opening day of the annual Race Meeting on the 14th inst. was in every way favourable. The result was that the attendance, which included the Government House and Headquarter House parties, showed no apparent diminution from those of previous years, and the kaleidoscope effect of the commingling of a crowd essentially cosmopolitan in its character and aspect was as striking as ever. The way to the course was lined near Happy Valley with the usual native stalls and side-shows, and fringed along its upper stretch were the customary matched stands, all of them beflagged and wearing generally an appearance in harmony with the nature of the gathering; matcheds where luncheon and refreshments could be obtained had also been erected. At intervals between the races the band of the Sherwood Foresters played agreeable selections.

The racing during the entire day was of an interesting character. In the first race, Wongneichong Stakes, the winner was found in Mr. Master's Ichiban, owner up, a result which was generally expected. Jigoku was fancied for a place in the Valley Stakes and more than justified her popularity by getting home ahead of the field. Finella won the Maiden Stakes, doing all she knew, and Algerine landed the Victoria Stakes after a hard tussle. Runaway Girl had a brilliant

victory in the Foochow Cup race, Mr. Cruickshank being the rider. The event of the day was of course the Derby. There had been much speculation on the result. Three at any rate of the entrants were known to be upon very level terms, and there were more than one rumour about dark horses. The blue riband fell to Colonel Hughes's Brilliant, and the victory was a popular one. The Colonel had stayed in Hongkong after his leave had been granted in order to see the Derby run, and he deserves the success which attended him. Legacy was strongly fancied. The mare was full of go but suffered misfortune. When she was going strong after passing the post the first time Diamond fell in front and she had to swerve to the outside to escape disaster. This caused her to lose ground and wind; consequently when she challenged Brilliant in the home straight she failed to make an impression. Chisai finished second and Legacy third. A uscatel won the Lusitano Cup. Rare Rose the Hongkong Club Cup, Schoolgirl the Encouragement Stakes and Dewdrop II the last race, the Chinese Club Cup.

The WONGNEICHONG STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$350 added; second to receive \$15; and third \$50; for Hongkong walers and Hongkong waler griffins; weight for inches as per scale; Hongkong walers which have never won a race allowed 5 lbs.; griffins allowed 10 lbs. Five furlongs.

Mr. Master's Ichiban, 12st (Mr. Master) ... 1

Mr. Master's Punch, 10st 4 lbs ... 2

(Mr. Gedde) ... 2

Mr. Pontifex's Countess, 11st 3lbs ... 3

(Mr. Pontifex) ... 3

Mr. Kingston's Altgold, 11st 11lbs ... 0

(Mr. Brutton) ... 0

Captain Langlands' Weary Willie, 11st 10lbs ... 0

(Mr. Macmillan) ... 0

Mr. Christie's Vanity, 10st 8lbs ... 0

(Mr. Burkill) ... 0

Mr. Darius's Glory, 12st 8lbs ... 0

* Declared wrong colours.

Countess got the best of a good start and jumping ahead made the pace hot till the Black Rock was reached, followed by Punch and Ichiban, with the field tailed out. At the Rock Ichiban took up second place and challenged the leader and was running first when the straight was entered. The mare was sent along in rattling style by Mr. Master and won by a length from Punch, who finished a length ahead of Countess. Time, 1min. 4secs.

The VALLEY STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$350 added; winner to receive 70 per cent.; second 20 per cent.; and third 10 per cent.; for China griffins; weight for inches as per scale; three-quarters of a mile.

Mr. G. H. Potts's Jigoku, 10st 12lbs ... 1

(Mr. Burkill) ... 1

Mr. Tremearne's Flickamaroo 10st 13lbs ... 2

(Mr. Master) ... 2

Mr. Hart Buck's Commoner, 10st 12lbs ... 3

(Mr. Williams) ... 3

Mr. Hart Buck's Silver Fox, 10st 12lbs ... 0

(Mr. Pontifex) ... 0

Mr. C. Rademach's Joker, 11st 11lb ... 0

(Mr. Crichton) ... 0

Mr. D. Macdonald's Misfit, 10st 12lbs ... 0

(Mr. Clarke) ... 0

Mr. Houston's Nicodemus, 10st 9lbs* ... 0

(Mr. Rutherford) ... 0

Messrs. Deacon and Morriss's Martine, 10st 12lbs ... 0

(Mr. Mackie) ... 0

Mr. C. H. Ross's Ben-y-Gloe, 10st 9lbs ... 0

(Mr. Cruickshank) ... 0

Mr. Buxey's Winter Rose, 10st 10lbs ... 0

(Mr. Cox) ... 0

Mr. G. Balloch's Toddy, 10st 11lbs ... 0

(Mr. Morris) ... 0

Mr. J. H. Lewis's Muscatel, 10st 12lbs ... 0

(Mr. Moller) ... 0

Mr. J. H. Lewis's Sarling, 11st 11lb ... 0

(Mr. Armstrong) ... 0

Messrs. Brown and Graham's Sunshine 10st 12lbs ... 0

* 9lbs over.

Fourteen ran, Flickamaroo being fancied. The start was a good one, Joker getting off at the jump and holding the lead for a short distance. At the Black Rock Flickamaroo forged ahead, followed up by Jigoku, who passed the favourite coming into the straight and won running away, Flickamaroo also going strongly. Time, 1 min. 34 secs.

The MAIDEN STAKES; winner to receive \$750; second \$150; and third \$50; for Hongkong waler griffins; weight for inches as per scale; a winner at this Meeting 5 lbs. extra; entrance \$10; three-quarters of a mile.

Mr. Smith's Finella, 11st ... (Mr. Burkill) 1

Captain Langlands' Lady Lena, 11st 10lbs ... (Mr. Crichton) 2

Major Denny's Diamond, 12st ... (Captain Light) 3

Mr. Kingston's Thief, 10st 6lbs ... (Mr. Brutton) 0

Lt.-Colonel Hughes's Princess Charming, 11st 11lbs ... (Mr. Moller) 0

Messrs. Clarke and Pontifex's Briggishaw, 11st 4lbs ... (Mr. Macmillan) 0

Mr. Buxey's Winning Rose, 11st 10lbs ... (Mr. W. W. Cox) 0

* Colours changed—all black.

After two false starts, six horses got off well together, with Lady Lena and Princess Charming in front and Diamond third, Finella running among the last, while Briggishaw decline to move. Before the Black Rock was reached Lady Lena had established a good lead from Princess Charming who was passed by Diamond. Just as the bend was passed Finella was sent to the front and half way up the straight she passed Lady Lena and finished first by two lengths, about the same distance separating second and third. Time 1min. 24½secs.

The VICTORIA STAKES; winner to receive \$500; second \$50; and third \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale. China griffins allowed 10 lbs. Subscription griffins of Foochow 1902 and Amoy 1903 Meetings allowed 5 lbs; entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr. Wingard's Algerine, 11st 11lb ... (Mr. Waillemier) 1

Mr. G. H. Potts's Desert King, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Burkill) 2

Messrs. A. P. Simson's and White's Style, 10st 9lbs ... (Mr. Moller) 3

Mr. F. B. Marshall's Disgust, 10st 9lbs ... (Mr. Crichton) 0

Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Snowdrop, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Clarke) 0

Five ran. Desert King took the lead from a good start, and held it passing the post for the first time, Disgust being second, Algerine third and Snowdrop fourth. This order of running was maintained until the Black Rock was passed, when Disgust took first place, followed by Algerine. The former did not hold the honours long, for Algerine, who was gamely challenged by Desert King, both of them under the 11th, shot ahead and won a fine race by half a length. Time, 2 mins. 7½secs.

The FOOCHOW CUP; a sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$500 added; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for walers; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra; Hongkong walers which have never won a race allowed 5 lbs.; griffins allowed 10 lbs. From the two mile post once round and in.

Mr. Carruther's Runaway Girl, 11st 8lbs ... (Mr. Cruickshank) 1

Mr. Master's Remnant, 11st 3lbs ... (Mr. Master) 2

Mr. Pontifex's Countess 11st 3lbs ... (Mr. Pontifex) 3

Mr. Magpie's Bay Ronald, 10st 10lbs ... (Mr. Waillemier) 0

Mr. Kingston's Altgold, 11st 11lbs ... (Mr. Brutton) 0

The field got away to a good start. Runaway Girl, which was a hot favourite, got the advantage at the fall of the flag, and was closely followed by Remnant, with Altgold, Bay Ronald and Countess in the order named. Countess improved her position as the race progressed; but was never able to challenge the leaders. Runaway Girl made the pace throughout; Remnant kept hold of her till the straight was entered and then made a bold bid for the lead, but was unable to wrest the honours from Mr. Cruickshank's mount, which won with a length to spare. Countess was a poor third, ten lengths behind Remnant. Time, 2 mins. 6 secs.

The HONGKONG DERBY; a sweepstakes of \$20 each with \$1,500 added; (half forfeit if declared on or before the day of closing entries for the Meeting); winner to receive 70 per cent.; second 20 per cent.; and third 10 per cent.; for Hongkong waler griffins; weight for inches as per scale; one mile and a half.

Lieut.-Col. Hughes's Brilliant, 11st 10lbs ...	(Mr. W. W. Cox)	1
Mr. Hunter's Chisai, 10st 8lbs ...	(Mr. Burkhill)	2
Mr. Morgan Phillip's Legacy, 12st 2lbs ...	(Mr. Master)	3
Mr. Hart Buck's The Pirate, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Wulleumier)	0
Major Denny's Diamond, 12st (Capt. Light)		0
Mr. E. H. Hind's Sequah, 11st ...	(Mr. Crighton)	0
Mr. Christie's Tyro, 11st 8lbs ...	(Mr. Johnstone)	0

Seven ran. The field got away to a fine start, Tyro in first place and the others coming on in a cluster. Passing the Black Rock the first four places were held by Tyro, Chisai, Brilliant, and Legacy, in the order named. When the horses passed the Stand on the first journey round it was anyone's race, the field going well and easily, with Tyro still showing the way. Almost immediately after an accident which completely marred the event occurred, Diamond falling down, throwing the rider. The result was that Legacy, immediately behind, swerved and lost valuable ground, besides getting out of her stride. Her jockey, however, brought the mare round on the outside, and challenged the leaders after the Black Rock was passed. But the mare's chances were gone, and, under the whip, she dropped away, leaving the finish to Brilliant and Chisai. The former won by a length and a half, and thus realised the hopes of her owner, Lieut.-Col. Hughes, who was heartily cheered as he led his horse past the Stand. Time, 2min. 58sec.

The LUSITANO CUP; presented by the members of the Club Lusitano; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China griffins; weight for inches as per scale; a previous winner 5 lbs. extra. Entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr. J. H. Lewis's Muscatel, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Moller)	1
Mr. Hart Buck's Commoner, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Wulleumier)	2
Mr. Wheelrut's Fancy, 11st 4lbs ...	(Mr. Crighton)	3
Mr. Lewis's Starling, 11st 1lb ...	(Mr. Armstrong)	0
Hon. R. Shewan's Irfrut, 11st 1lb ...	(Mr. Mackie)	0
Mr. Georgiou's Handy Man, 11st 1lb ...	(Mr. Gedge)	0
Mr. R. G. Smithers's Portasin, 10st 9lbs ...	(Mr. Johnstone)	0
Mr. Nibelung's Hagen, 11st 4lbs ...	(Mr. Rutherford)	0

When the starter dropped his flag Muscatel took the lead, followed by Commoner and Fancy in the second and third places respectively. Muscatel made the running all through. Commoner made a good fight for first position; she challenged the leader at the Black Rock and ran half a length behind Muscatel for the greater part of a mile, but failed to pass the leader and the race ended, so far as the three first were concerned, as it had begun—Muscatel first, Commoner second, and Fancy third. Muscatel won by a length. A head between second and third. Time, 2 min. 11½ sec.

The HONGKONG CLUB CUP; presented by the Members of the Hongkong Club. Second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winner of the Victoria Stakes 5 lbs. extra; China griffins allowed 10 lbs.; subscription griffins of Foochow 1902 and Amoy 1903 Meetings allowed 5 lbs.; entrance \$15. One mile and a half.

Mr. Buxey's Rare Rose, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. W. W. Cox)	1
Mr. G. H. Potts's Rebel King, 11st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Wulleumier)	2
Mr. G. H. Pott's Pandur, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Burkhill)	3
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Bulbul, 10st 11lbs ...	(Mr. Moller)	0
Mr. Dryadust's Sinbad, 10st 9lbs ...	(Mr. Crighton)	0

Five ran. Bulbul took first place from the start, which could not have been a better one. Passing the Stand, the order was—Bulbul and Sinbad, Rare Rose, Pandur, and Rebel King. Bulbul and Sinbad dropped out on the gallop for the Black Rock, and honours fell to Rare Rose, which won by three lengths. Four lengths between second and third. Time, 3 min. 16½ sec.

The ENCOURAGEMENT STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$300 added; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for Hongkong waler griffins; weight for inches as per scale. Previous winners barred. Five furlongs.

Mr. Master's Schoolgirl, 11st 6lbs ...	(Mr. Master)	1
Major-General Gascoigne's Clare, 11st 6lbs ...	(Mr. Crighton)	2
Mr. Buxey's Winning Rose, 11st 10lbs ...	(Mr. Cox)	3
Mr. Hart Buck's Wallflower, 10st 6lbs ...	(Mr. Wulleumier)	0
Mr. Pontifex's Mabelle, 11st 6lbs ...	(Mr. Pontifex)	0
Mr. Christie's Tyro, 11st 8lbs ...	(Mr. Johnstone)	0
Mr. R. K. Leigh's Will o' the Wisp, 10st ...	(Mr. Clarke)	0
Major-General Sir William Gascoigne's Ruby, 12st ...	(Mr. Cruickshank)	0
Hon. F. H. May's Mirabel, 11st ...	(Mr. Gedge)	0
Lt.-Colonel G. A. Hughes's Prince Charming, 10st 12 lbs. ...	(Mr. Moller)	0

After one false start the horses got off well together, Mr. Master on Schoolgirl having a slight advantage over the other riders, Clare and Winning Rose following close behind in the second and third places respectively. Schoolgirl kept up a hot pace till the finish, throwing off Clare and Winning Rose and winning comfortably by about two lengths. A good third. Time, 1 min. 6 3/5 secs.

The CHINESE CLUB CUP; presented; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China griffins; weight for inches as per scale. previous winners barred; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Tremearne's Dewdrop II, 11st 4lbs ...	(Mr. Crighton)	1
Mr. Buxey's Winter Rose, 10st 9lbs ...	(Mr. Cox)	2
Messrs. Dea on and Morris's Manhattan, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Burkhill)	3
Mr. Hart Buck's Silver Fox, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Wulleumier)	0
Mr. C. Rademacher's Joker, 11st 1lb ...	(Mr. Mackie)	0
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Claimant, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Moller)	0
Mr. Houston's Nicodemus, 11st 1lb ...	(Mr. Rutherford)	0
Mr. McDonald's Mistit, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Clarke)	0
Lt.-Colonel Hughes's Perky, 10st 9lbs ...	(Mr. Cruickshank)	0

Nine ran. Joker made the pace from the start till more than half the race was over, and then, entering the Straight on the gallop home, was challenged by the first three, eventually finishing fifth. Time, 2 min. 48½ secs.

SECOND DAY.

The second day's races of the Hongkong Jockey Club were favoured with excellent weather. In the morning there were indications that rain might be expected, but fortunately it did not come, and the day was fine, overcast but with occasional blinks of sunshine. There was a very big attendance, including H.E. the Governor and party and H.E. Major-General Gascoigne and party. The band of the 10th Bombay Infantry played musical selections during the day.

There were in all ten events. Chisai, which had run second in the Derby on the previous day, captured the Flyaway Stakes, second honours falling to Schoolgirl. In the second event, the Exchange Plate, four ponies faced the starter, and the winner was found in Mr. Potts's Desert King with Algerine next. In the third event, the Professional Cup, there were only two contestants, viz., Bay Ronald and Mayfly. Mr. Master rode Mayfly and landed his mount home an easy first. Jigoku added another wreath to his laurels by winning the German Cup, out of a field of five. Most interest centred of course in the race for the Garrison Cup, which was run off after tiffin. Speculation was rife as to whether or no Mr. Morgan Phillip's Legacy would manage to defeat the Derby winner. The race practically resolved itself into a fight between these two fine animals; and Brilliant was piloted home in front of Legacy with something to spare.

Finella was the only other horse which was in the running and she finished a poor third. There was a big field for the Jockey Cup and the result was speculative. Ben-y-Gloe with Mr. Johnstone up, made all the running and won comfortably, Starling and Manhattan having to be content with second and third positions respectively. Neither Rebel King nor Rare Rose were able to hold their ground with Pandur in the Great Southern Stakes, which were won rather easily by the last-named. In the race for the Navy Cup, backers had an opportunity of laying on last year's Derby winner, General Gascoigne's Ivy, who shared popular favour with Mr. Master's Remnant. The contest was seen to be between these two from the fall of the starter's flag; Remnant won with a little to spare. The race for the Blake Challenge Cup was one of the best of the day. After a grand run up the straight Silver Fox and Muscatel finished in a dead heat well ahead of the field. However, when the heat was run off, Muscatel evinced superior stamina and romped home anyhow up the straight. In the last race, the Racing Stakes, Legacy at length landed a prize for her owner, The Pirate being second and Sequah third.

Mr. Hunter's Chisai, 10st 8lbs ...	(Mr. Burkhill)	1
Mr. G. Master's Schoolgirl, 11st 6lbs ...	(Mr. Master)	2
Mr. Hart Buck's The Pirate, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Wulleumier)	3
Mr. Christie's Tyro, 11st 8lbs ...	(Mr. Johnstone)	0
Captain P. Langlands' Lady Lena, 11st 10lbs ...	(Mr. Brutton)	0

On the fall of the flag Chisai got away with the advantage in hand, followed by Schoolgirl, Tyro, The Pirate, and Lady Lena in the order named. This position was maintained until the field was approaching the Black Rock, when The Pirate took third place and Lady Lena displaced Tyro, who fell into the rear. Coming up the straight Mr. Master endeavoured to send Schoolgirl to the front, but the mare failed to stay and Chisai finished first, a length ahead. A similar distance separated second and third. Time, 1 min. 43 4/5 secs.

The EXCHANGE PLATE; presented by the bankers and exchange brokers of Hongkong; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners at this Meeting of one race 7 lbs. extra; of two races 10 lbs. extra; China griffins allowed 10 lbs.; subscription griffins of Foochow 1902 and Amoy 1903 Meetings allowed 5 lbs.; entrance \$10. One mile and a half.

Mr. G. H. Pott's Desert King, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Burkhill)	1
Mr. Wingard's Algerine, 11st 8lbs ...	(Mr. Wulleumier)	2
Mr. F. B. Marshall's Disgust, 10st 9lbs ...	(Mr. Crighton)	3
Messrs. A. P. Simpson and White's Style, 10st 11lbs ...	(Mr. Moller)	0

Desert King and Algerine jumped off in front of Disgust and Style, whom the leaders distanced before the Village was passed. From this point until half way up the straight Algerine and Desert King ran almost neck and neck, but the latter showed superior pace in the last eighth of a mile and won a good race by half a length from Algerine. Disgust and Style made a good race for third place, Disgust getting home about a length in front. Time, 1 min. 32secs.

The PROFESSIONAL CUP; presented; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for walers; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners at this Meeting of one race 7 lbs. extra; of two or more races 10 lbs. extra; Hongkong walers which have never won a race allowed 3 lbs.; griffins allowed 8 lbs.; entrance \$10. One mile and a half.		
Mr. Master's Mayfly, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Master)	1
Mr. Magpie's Bay Ronald, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Wulleumier)	2

Mayfly, who was generally fancied for this event, got off in front and was three lengths ahead at the Black Rock. Mr. Master's leaded his mount and allowed Bay Ronald to draw up. Both horses going strong, they raced neck and neck for almost a round of the course. They passed the post for the first time level and it was not until the bridge was reached that Mr. Master sent Mayfly to the front. Bay Ronald responded gallantly, but was unable to stay and at the Village was two lengths behind. Mayfly increased the lead coming up the straight and won, going easily, by five lengths. Time 2 mins 58½ secs.

The GERMAN CUP; presented by the members of the German Club; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China griffins; weight for inches as per scale; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. G. H. Potts's Jigoku, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Crighton)	1
Mr. Hart Buck's Commoner, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Willeumier)	2
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Muscatel, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Moller)	3
Mr. C. H. Ross's Ben-y-Gloe, 10st 9lbs	(Mr. Cruickshank)	0
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Claimant, 11st 1lb*	(Mr. Armstrong)	0
Mr. Tremearne's Dewdrop II, 11st 4lbs	(Mr. Master)	0

* 3lbs. over.

Six ran. From a false start Jigoku broke away and was only pulled up near the Stand. The real start was a bad one, half the field being left at the post. Muscatel, on the rails headed the lot, and when the Stand was passed on the first run round the order was—Muscatel, Ben-y-Gloe, Commoner, Jigoku, Dewdrop II, and Claimant. They were bunched together, but at the Bridge Muscatel secured a better lead from Ben-y-Gloe, which in turn was passed by Jigoku. Mr. Crighton's mount challenged Muscatel on the incline up to the Black Rock, and coming down the hill drew on level terms with and passed the leader. So they ran as far as the bend, where Commoner drew away from the pack and passed Muscatel. The race was not over by any means, however, for pelting along on the rails Muscatel in the straight tried to regain his former advantage, but without success, the finish, which was a very close one, lying between Jigoku and Commoner. The former won by a long neck; a length and a half separated Muscatel from Commoner. Time, 2min. 43½secs.

Jigoku was objected to for bumping, but the objection, after being considered by the Stewards, was overruled.

The GARRISON CUP; presented by the Officers of the Garrison; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for Hongkong waler griffins; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners 7 lbs. extra for each race won; entrance \$10. One mile.

Colonel Hughes's Brilliant, 12st 3lbs	(Mr. Cox)	1
Mr. Morgan Phillips's Legacy, 12st 2lbs	(Mr. Master)	2
Mr. Smith's Finella, 11st 7lbs	(Mr. Burkill)	3
Major-General Sir W. J. Gascoigne's Ruby, 12st	(Mr. Cruickshank)	0
Major-General Sir W. J. Gascoigne's Clare, 11st 6lbs	(Mr. Crighton)	0

The horses got off to a fine start, Clare and Ruby taking the lead, followed by Legacy in third position, and Brilliant and Finella bringing up the rear. In this order the field passed the post for the first time. Getting round to the back stretch, Legacy drew ahead with Brilliant in her wake, Clare and Ruby meanwhile tailing off and Finella taking up third place. Coming past the Village, Legacy was running neck and neck with the Derby winner, but in the straight Brilliant showed superior stamina and throwing off Legacy's challenge won by about two lengths. Finella a poor third, ten lengths behind. Time, 1min. 35secs.

The JOCKEY CUP; winner to receive \$300; second \$100; and third \$50; for China griffins; to be ridden by jockeys who have not had more than two winning mounts previous to this Meeting in Hongkong or China; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners barred; entrance \$10. Once round.

Mr. C. H. Ross's Ben-y-Gloe, 10st 9lbs	(Mr. Johnstone)	1
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Starling, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Armstrong)	2
Messrs. Deacon and Morris's Manhattan, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Morris)	3
Mr. D. Macdonald's Misfit, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Clarke)	0
Messrs. Deacon and Morris's Martin, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Mackie)	0
Mr. Wheelrut's Farcy, 11st 4lbs	(Mr. Gedde)	0
Mr. Nibelung's Hagen, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Butt)	0
Lieut.-Col. Hughes's Perky, 10st 9lbs	(Mr. Gegg)	0
Mr. Houston's Nicodemus, 10st 12½lbs*	(Mr. Rutherford)	0

* 3½lbs over.

Nine ran. The race was a runaway one, for Ben-y-Gloe, which got away first at the start, led throughout, and won pulling up. The others finished in a procession. Time, 2min. 1sec. The GREAT SOUTHERN STAKES; winner to receive \$500; second \$150; and third \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners at this Meeting of one race 7 lbs. extra; of two races 10 lbs. extra; China griffins allowed 10 lbs; subscription griffins of Foochow 1902 and Amoy 1903 Meetings allowed 5 lbs; entrance \$10. From the two mile post, once round and in.

Mr. G. H. Potts's Pandur, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Burkill)	1
Mr. Buxey's Rare Rose, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Cox)	2
Mr. G. H. Potts's Rebel King, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Willeumier)	3
Messrs. A. P. Simpson and White's Style, 10st 12lbs*	(Mr. Moller)	0
Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Snowdrop, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Clarke)	0

* 3lbs over.

Rebel King got off well at the start and kept his lead the first time past the post from Rare Rose and Pandur. In the back stretch Rare Rose challenged the leader. Then Pandur was sent to the front, and coming round the bend Mr. Burkill forced his pony into first place and increased his lead all the way up the straight, winning eventually by about four lengths. Rare Rose came on strongly and won second honours by a head from Rebel King. Time, 2 mins. 24½secs.

The NAVY CUP; presented by the Officers of His Majesty's fleet; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for Hongkong walers and Hongkong waler griffins; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners at this Meeting 7 lbs. extra for each race won; Hongkong walers which have never won a race allowed 8 lbs.; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Master's Remnant, 11st 5lbs	(Mr. Master)	1
Major-General Gascoigne's Ivy, 11st 6lbs	(Mr. Cruickshank)	2
Mr. Master's Punch, 10st 4lbs	(Mr. Gedde)	3
Mr. Pontifex's Countess, 11st 5lbs	(Mr. Pontifex)	0
Mr. Kingston's Altgold, 11st 13lbs	(Mr. Brutton)	0

Five ran. Good start, Ivy leading. Passing the Stand for the first time Major-General Gascoigne's mare, which was much fancied, still held premier place, followed by Countess, Altgold, Punch, and Remnant in the order named. Splendidly ridden, Remnant passed first and then another, but could not just then diminish Ivy's lead, the latter, as a matter of fact, slightly improving it. At the turn Mr. Master's mount challenged and came through to the front, Ivy being now under the whip but still making a game race of it. She could not, however, defeat Remnant, who won by two lengths. Time, 2 min. 25½secs.

The "BLAKE" CHALLENGE CUP; presented by His Excellency Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G.; for China griffins; to be won twice by ponies the bona fide property of the same owner or owners; winners to receive 70 per cent.; second 20 per cent.; and third 10 per cent. of the entrance fees; when the Cup is won outright the entrance fees to go to second and third in the proportion of 75 per cent. and 25 per cent.; weight for inches as per scale; winner of the German Cup 10 lbs. extra; other winners 5 lbs. extra; penalties accumulative; entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr. J. H. Lewis's Muscatel, 11st 3lbs	(Mr. Moller)	1
Mr. Hart Buck's Silver Fox, 11st 12lbs	(Mr. Willeumier)	2
Mr. Buxey's Winter Rose, 10st 9lbs	(Mr. Cox)	3
Mr. C. Rademacher's Joker, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Mackie)	0
Mr. R. O. Smithers's Portasia, 10st 9lbs	(Mr. Johnstone)	0
Mr. F. B. Marshall's Mad Mullah, 11st 4lbs*	(Mr. Rutherford)	0
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Claimant, 11st 1lb*	(Mr. Armstrong)	0

* 3lbs over.

Muscatel showed up at the start, with Portasia and Claimant in hot pursuit, and this was the order of the field when they passed the Grand Stand for the first time. Silver Fox, Winter Rose, Joker, and Mad Mullah tailing out in the order named. Going round to the back stretch Portasia began to show up well and went to the front followed by Joker. By the time the Black Rock was reached, however, Muscatel had regained its position closely followed by Silver Fox with Winter Rose lying a good third. So fast was the pace set by Muscatel and Silver Fox coming round the bend and up the straight that the rest of the field was hopelessly outdistanced and these two raced home neck and neck; result, a dead heat. Winter Rose a poor third.

The dead heat was run off after allowing the ponies a breathing space. Muscatel jumped off in front but Mr. Moller rode easy till Silver Fox drew level, which position was maintained until they reached the Black Rock. Going up the hill Muscatel drew ahead and was leading by five lengths opposite Wongnei-chong village while Mr. Hart Buck's pony was showing evident signs of distress. Both were under the whip coming home but the result was never in doubt and Muscatel won as it liked with 20 lengths in hand.

The RACING STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$400 added; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for Hongkong waler griffins; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners barred. Once round.

Mr. Morgan Phillips's Legacy, 12st 2lbs	(Mr. Master)	1
Mr. Hart Buck's The Pirate, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Willeumier)	2
Mr. E. H. Hinds's Sequah, 11st	(Mr. Crighton)	3
Messrs. Clarke and Pontifex's Brigginsbaw, 11st 7lbs*	(Mr. MacMillan)	0
Mr. Pontifex's Mabelle, 11st 6lbs	(Mr. Pontifex)	0
Mr. R. K. Leigh's Will o' the Wisp	(Mr. Clarke)	0
Mr. Buxey's Winning Rose, 11st 10lbs	(Mr. Cox)	0
Mr. Christie's Tyro, 11st 8lbs	(Mr. Johnstone)	0
Major-General Gascoigne's Ruby, 12st	(Mr. Cruickshank)	0
Mr. Hart Buck's Wallflower, 10st 2lbs+	(Mr. Gedde)	0

* 3lbs over. † 2lbs over.

Ten ran. A dingdong race all the way round, Legacy winning easily. The others tailed out in the following order—The Pirate, Sequah, Brigginsbaw, Ruby, Winning Rose, Tyro, Wallflower, Will o' the Wisp, and Mabelle. Time, 1min. 44½secs.

THIRD DAY.

The Race Meeting was favoured with excellent weather on Thursday. The third day has always been looked upon as the ladies' day and this year was no exception to the traditional rule, for the ladies of Hongkong turned out in large numbers and to the ever attractive ensemble presented by the Races crowd were added the charms that bright feminine dresses and pretty faces impart. H.E. the Governor and H.E. General Gascoigne were again present, and the general crowd of spectators was quite as numerous, if not more so, as on the two previous days. A combined naval band played musical selections during intervals; their rendering of the National Anthem was rather premature, however, and was not calculated to promote a good start in the last race, the entrants for which were then facing the starter. Sport, on the whole, was good. Flickamaroo was largely fancied for the first event, the

Spring Stakes, but sustained defeat by Winter Rose, with Mr. Hart Buck's Silver Fox third. Chisai won the Grand Stand Stakes, showing very fine form, while Legacy annexed second honours and The Pirate third. Rare Rose and Algerine were the only entrants for Mr. Bell-Irving's Challenge Cup, which Rare Rose secured after an uninteresting race, never in doubt. A big field entered for the Ladies' Purse. At the end of the race Miss Hunter presented the Ladies' Purse to Mr. Master, who replied in appropriate terms. Three cheers for Miss Hunter and for the Governor, General Gascoigne, and the jockey were given. First honours fell to Mr. Master's Ichiban (owner up) and second to Punch, from the same stable, Chisai taking third place notwithstanding his hard going in the second race. General Gascoigne's Ivy had a lot of supporters, but made a poor show and finished unplaced. The popular General was apparently in misfortune's way, for his other mare, Ruby, was led home lame and died on her way to the stables. In the Hongkong Stakes a much fancied winner was found in Muscatel, Jigoku and Commoner having to be content with second and third places respectively. Five ponies faced the starter in the race for the Parsee Cup. Mr. Potts had two nominees, Desert King and Rebel King. He declared to win with Rebel King, and it did win, Desert King being pulled up on the post to allow that to take place, and Disgust never having a look-in. But in this connection, there was a good deal of comment levelled at the Stewards, who ought to have made sure that Mr. Potts's declaration was put in a position where it could be easily seen before backers had laid on Desert King, who was extensively fancied and would of course have won if he had not been eased, coming up to the post. The result was that backers on Desert King suffered. Sequah won the Phaethon Stakes, Clara and The Pirate being second and third. The China Pony Champion Stakes brought out a field of four. Owing to what had gone before, Rebel King was strongly fancied for first honours as against Pandur from the same stable, though Rare Rose found some supporters over and above Mr. Potts's ponies. Pandur and Rebel King came in in the order named, with a head between, at the end of a race which went to show their superiority over Rare Rose and Algerine but was not conclusive so far as the assessing of their own respective capabilities were concerned. In the Water Champion Stakes only two stables were represented. Colonel Hughes scratched Brilliant, the Derby winner. Mr. Master had three representatives, Ichiban, Mayfly, and Remnant; he himself rode Mayfly and it was mostly fancied. Mayfly, however, was employed only to make the running and when Runaway Girl had had the going knocked out of her, Ichiban was sent to the front and won easily, with Remnant second and Runaway Girl third, Mayfly coming in last. Flickamaroo won the half-mile scurry in the Nil Desperandum Stakes, Silver Fox being second and Joker third.

The SPRING STAKES; value \$400; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China griffins; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners of one race 5 lbs. extra; of two races 7 lbs. extra; of three races 10 lbs. extra. Entrance \$10. From the two mile post, once round and in.

Mr. Buxey's Winter Rose, 10st 9lbs ... (Mr. Cox) 1
Mr. Tremearne's Flickamaroo, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Master) 2
Mr. Hart Buck's Silver Fox, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Wulleumier) 3
Mr. C. Rademacher's Joker, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Mackie) 0
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Starling, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Moller) 0
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Claimant, 11st 1lb* ... (Mr. Armstrong) 0
Hon. R. Shewan's Iblis, 10st 6lb ... (Mr. Brutton) 0
Mr. C. H. Ross's Ben-y-Gloe, 11st ... (Mr. Johnstone) 0

* 3lbs over.

Eight ran. From a fine start, Ben-y-Gloe secured a slight lead, and headed the field as the Stand was passed, followed by Starling, Joker and Flickamaroo, the favourite. Ben-y-Gloe showed the way round by the Golf Club pavilion, where Starling displaced Joker for second place. In

the back stretch Flickamaroo pushed along on the outside and got on level terms first with Joker and then with Starling, who was dropping away. Up the hill to the Black Rock Mr. Master's mount, on the inside, drew up on Ben-y-Gloe, and the two ran neck and neck down the hill. Ben-y-Gloe was now under the whip, and beaten, and it looked a sure win for Flickamaroo as the straight was neared. Here Winter Rose and Silver Fox cleared the rack, and coming along gamely on the outside the former passed Flickamaroo almost on the post and won by half-a-length; good third. Time, 2min. 27secs.

The CHALLENGE CUP; presented by J. J. Bell-Irving, Esq.; a forced entry of \$5 each; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; to be won two years consecutively by a pony or ponies the bona fide property of the same owner or owners; winner to receive 70 per cent., second 20 per cent., and third 10 per cent. of the entrance fees; when the Cup is won outright the entrance fees to go to second and third in the proportion of 75 per cent. and 25 per cent. One mile and three quarters.

Mr. Buxey's Rare Rose, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Cox) 1
Mr. Wingard's Algerine, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Wulleumier) 2
A level start, and both ran stride for stride till the Black Rock was neared for a second time, when Rare Rose, going up the hill, led Algerine by a length. Whipping up his pony, Mr. Wulleumier did his best to get on even footing, but Algerine was unable for the task, and was beaten by a little over a length. Time, 3min. 52secs.

The GRAND STAND STAKES; value \$750; second to receive \$250; and third \$100; for Hongkong water griffins; weight for inches as per scale; winner of the Derby 10 lbs. extra; of the Maiden Stakes 7 lbs. extra; of any other race with the exception of the Encouragement or Racing Stakes 5 lbs. extra; penalties accumulative; non-winners allowed 5 lbs. Entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Hunter's Chisai, 11st 13lbs ... (Mr. Burkill) 1
Mr. Morgan Phillips's Legacy, 12st 2lbs ... (Mr. Master) 2
Mr. Hart Buck's The Pirate, 10st 7lbs ... (Mr. Wulleumier) 3
Mr. Christie's Tyro, 11st 3lbs ... (Mr. Johnstone) 0

The start was a poor one, Chisai getting in front with the others in a bunch. The Pirate drew second; Tyro took third place and Legacy the fourth. When the post was passed for the first time Legacy had changed positions with Tyro. Chisai continued in the lead going round the back stretch. Then Legacy was sent forward, and, passing The Pirate coming round the bend, she came up on the outside and made a bid for first place, but her challenge was staved off and Chisai won a splendid race by a length. The Pirate was a poor third. Time, 2mins. 25½ secs.

The LADIES' PURSE; presented; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for Hongkong waters and Hongkong water griffins; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners at this Meeting 7 lbs. extra for each race won; Hongkong waters which have never won a race allowed 5 lbs; griffins allowed 10 lbs; unplaced runners allowed 5 lbs; entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr. Master's Ichiban, 12st. 7lbs ... (Mr. Master) 1
Mr. Master's Punch, 10st 4lbs ... (Mr. Gedge) 2
Mr. Hunter's Chisai, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Burkill) 3
Mr. Pontifex's Countess, 11st. 3lbs ... (Mr. Pontifex) 0
Mr. Magpie's Bay Ronald, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Wulleumier) 0
Mr. Kingston's Altgold, 11st 6lbs ... (Mr. Brutton) 0
Mr. Christie's Vanity, 10st 7lbs* ... (Mr. Johnstone) 0

Major-General Sir W. J. Gascoigne's Ruby, 10st 13lbs ... (Mr. Crighton) 0
Major-General Sir W. J. Gascoigne's Ivy, 11st 6lbs ... (Mr. Cruickshank) 0
Mr. Darius's Glory, 12st 3lbs ... (Mr. Cox) 0
After some delay at the starting post the field got away to a good start, Vanity in front.

Passing the Grand Stand for the first time. Vanity still led, followed by Altgold and Countess in the second and third places respectively, with the others in a bunch close behind. Vanity set a rattling pace along the back stretch, while Ichiban drew into fourth place with Ivy in hot pursuit. Coming round past the Village, Ichiban took second place and Chisai, showed up in the third position, Vanity, Altgold, and Countess tailing off. Ivy made a good bid but was outdistanced. Ichiban continued to hold the lead coming up the home straight and won by three lengths, while Punch coming up rapidly in the last distance beat Chisai by a short head for second place. Ruby was led in lame in the near hind leg and dropped dead in the roadway, her back broken. Time, 1min. 55secs.

The FONGKONG STAKES; Winner to receive \$750; second \$250; and third \$100; for China griffins; weight for inches as per scale; winner of the German Cup 5 lbs. extra; entrance \$10; one mile and a half.

Mr. J. H. Lewis's Muscatel, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Moller) 1
Mr. G. H. Potts's Jigoku, 11st 3lbs ... (Mr. Crighton) 2
Mr. Hart Buck's Commoner, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Wulleumier) 3
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Claimant, 11st* ... (Mr. Armstrong) 0
Hon. R. Shewan's Ifrit, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Master) 0
Mr. Houston's Nicodemus, 11st 10lbs ... (Mr. Rutherford) 0
Mr. Tremearne's Dewdrop II., 11st 4lbs ... (Mr. Johnstone) 0
Messrs. Deacon & Morris's Manhattan, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Burkill) 0
* 2lbs over. † 5lbs over.

Eight ran. After one false start, Dewdrop II got away with a slight lead, but did not hold it long, and when the Stand was passed the order of running was—Manhattan, Dewdrop II., Muscatel, Jigoku, Commoner, Nicodemus, and Claimant. Muscatel, Jigoku, and Commoner made a procession of it, maintaining the same order throughout and passing the post first, second and third respectively. Time, 3 mins. 23½ secs.

The PARSEE CUP; presented; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners of one race at this Meeting 5 lbs. extra; of two or more races 7 lbs. extra; unplaced ponies allowed 5 lbs. China griffins allowed 10 lbs.; subscription griffins of Foochow 1902 and Amoy 1903 Meetings allowed 5 lbs; entrance \$10; one mile.

Mr. G. H. Potts's Rebel King, 11st 11lbs ... (Mr. Wulleumier) 1
Mr. G. H. Potts's Desert King, 11st 3lbs ... (Mr. Burkill) 2
Mr. F. F. Marshall's Disgust, 10st 9lbs ... (Mr. Crighton) 3
Messrs. A. P. Simpson and White's Style ... 10st 11lbs ... (Mr. Moller) 0
Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Snowdrop, 10st 7lbs ... (Mr. Clark) 0
* 2lbs over

Mr. Potts declared to win with Rebel King. The horses got away to a good start. Mr. Potts's two ponies took up the running and Desert King set a spanking pace for his stable companion. As the Grand Stand was passed for the first time the two Kings held first and second places, Disgust third place, Snowdrop fourth and Style fifth. This order was maintained until the field got round opposite the Football Club's stand, at which point Snowdrop was urged onwards and made a try for the lead. Disgust fell into fourth place, but Snowdrop failed to distance the leaders and Disgust shot ahead again into third place and also made a gallant effort to get ahead of the Kings. This attempt was unsuccessful and Desert King romped up the straight in fine style with Rebel King a length behind. Desert King slowed down on approaching the winning post and allowed Rebel King to win by half a length. Disgust a good third. Time, 2 mins. 11 secs.

The PHAETHON STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$300 added; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for Hongkong water griffins; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners barred; three quarters of a mile.

Mr. E. H. Bind's Sequah, 11st	(Mr. Crighton)	1
Major-General Gascoigne's Clara, 11st 6lbs	(Mr. Crickshank)	2
Mr. Hart Buck's The Pirate, 1st 2lbs	(Mr. Wullenmiller)	3
Messrs. Clarke and Pontifex's Bigginshaw, 11st 7lbs	(Mr. MacMillan)	0
Mr. Kingston's Thief, 10st 6lbs	(Mr. Brutton)	0
Lieut. Col. Hughes's Prince Charming, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Moller)	0
Mr. Buxey's Winning Rose, 11st 10lbs	(Mr. Cox)	0
Mr. Pontifex's Mabello, 11st 6lbs	(Mr. Pontifex)	0
Lieut. Col. Hughes's Princess Charming, 11st 10lbs	(Mr. Master)	0
Hon. F. H. May's Mirabel 11st	(Mr. Ggg)	0
Mr. Hart Huck's Wallflower, 10st	(Mr. Clarke)	0
Mr. Christie's Tyro, 11st 8lbs	(Mr. Johnstone)	0
Mr. R. K. Leigh's Will o' the Wisp, 10st	(Mr. Mackie)	0

* 3lbs over.

Thirteen ran. Two false starts were made and when the field got away it did so raggedly. Sequah took the lead and kept it splendidly all the way round, winning by about a length and a half. Time, 1min. 27½ secs.

The CLINA PONY CHAMPION STAKES; with \$750 added; a forced entry for all winners at this Meeting; entrance for winners of one race \$20; of two races \$30; of three or more races \$50; second to receive \$250; and third \$100. Weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. G. H. Potts's Pandur, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Burkill)	1
Mr. G. H. Potts's Rebel King, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Moller)	2
Mr. Buxey's Rare Rose, 12st 12lbs	(Mr. Cox)	3
Mr. Wingard's Algerine 11st 1lb	(Mr. Wullenmiller)	0

Algerine jumped ahead at the start, followed by Rare Rose and Mr. Potts's representatives bringing up the rear. All the ponies went easily for the first half mile, keeping in the order named above. It was not until the Black Rock was reached that a change occurred in the position of the field—Pandur then forged ahead, followed by Rebel King, who came up more slowly but succeeded in getting into second place. Coming up the straight, the race resolved itself into one between Mr. Potts's two horses. Rebel King showed himself full of running but was unable to draw level with Pandur, who beat him by a head. Rare Rose made a gallant fight for third position and got placed on the post, about two lengths behind Rebel King. Time, 2 mins. 42 secs.

The WALTER CHAMPION STAKES; with \$750 added; a forced entry for all winners at this Meeting; entrance for winners of one race \$20; of two races \$30; of three or more races \$50; second to receive \$250; and third \$100; weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Master's Ichiban, 12st	(Mr. Cox)	1
Mr. Master's Remnant, 10st 8lbs	(Mr. Burkill)	2
Mr. Carruthers's Runaway Girl, 11st 8lbs	(Mr. Crickshank)	3
Mr. Master's Mayfly, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Master)	0

Four ran. Brilliant was entered for the race, but was scratched. Mr. Master made the pace on Mayfly. Runaway Girl being close behind, and the others tailing out in the rear. Passing the Black Rock for the second time Mayfly was put to it for all she was worth, and Runaway Girl attempted to follow, but was easily beaten. She fell out, and was accompanied by Mayfly, their places being taken by Ichiban and Remnant. The former, on the rails, won easily. Time, 2 min. 22 secs.

The NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$5 each with \$250 added; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China griffins which have run and not won a race; weight for inches as per scale. Half a mile.

Mr. Tremearne's Flickamaroo, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Master)	1
Mr. Hart Buck's Silver Fox, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Wullenmiller)	2

Mr. C. Rademacher's Joker, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Crighton)	3
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Claimant, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Moller)	0
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Starling, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Armstrong)	0
Mr. R. G. Smithers's Portasia, 10st 9lbs	(Mr. Johnstone)	0
Mr. D. Macdonald's Misfit, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Clarke)	0
Mr. F. B. Marshall's Mad Mullah, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Rutherford)	0

Portasia got off well on the fall of the flag but lost the advantage before going half the distance, and Flickamaroo got home first after a scurrying race, leading by about half a length from Silver Fox, with Joker a good third. Time, 1min. 1½ secs.

CRICKET.

HILLS v. PLAINS.

After the difficulty experienced in raising teams for this match on the 7th inst.—as a matter of fact it was not until after a start had been made that the full complement of players could be mustered—it was satisfactory that this game should have turned out to be such an interesting and exciting one. Interesting it was in that good form was shown in both batting and bowling—the fielding as usual leaving much to be desired—and exciting it proved to be in that the Hills having scored 176 runs, the Plains, after losing 9 wickets for 151, gradually crept up to their opponents' total and eventually succeeded in making a tie of it.

The Hills won the toss and batted first. A good start was made and up to the fifth hour the hillmen had matters pretty much their own way. Radcliffe, Bird and Ferrier all showing good form and making useful scores. Ferrier was unlucky in the way he got out. He hit the ball, as he thought, to the boundary and quietly walked between the wickets; meanwhile the ball, which had not actually reached the boundary, was fiddled, thrown in, and the wicket put down, and, of course, the poor Colonel had to go. It was unfortunate for him, as he was playing excellent cricket and looked like making a big score. After fifth, as so often happens, a change came over the game and the rest of the hillmen were dismissed comparatively cheaply, the only men to make double figures being Elborough 17, Gray, 13, and Barby, who was playing as a substitute, 19. Elborough is a very recent arrival in the Colony but he at once proved himself to be an acquisition to the Cricket Club, and when he has got more used to the light and the ground he will doubtless give a very good account of himself. The Hills were eventually dismissed for the creditable total of 176, which might have been considerably less but for the poor fielding of the Plains. The ground fielding generally was very poor and several catches were missed. On the other hand, the brilliant catch by Mackenzie at point that dismissed Elborough must not be overlooked. Mackenzie too, carried off the honours in bowling and did much better in this department than he had previously done this season, his analysis, 4 wickets for 20, being a very creditable one. There were many who thought the Hills' total too much for the Plains, and even up to the fall of the ninth wicket it looked odds on their winning. Thanks, however, to a brilliantly hit 61 of Bird's, who made his runs out of the 80 scored while he was in, an useful innings of 15 by Allenby, 17 by Raymond, and 12 by Greenstock, the total of 176 was gradually approached. Still, when 9 wickets were down for 151, it certainly seemed as if the Hills would win. So well, however, did Gouldsmith hit and Dexter defend his wicket that, run by run, the Hills' total was approached, until, with the score all even, Gouldsmith was caught for an admirable 33. Thus a keen and exciting match ended in a tie. Dixon was by far the most successful of the Hills' bowlers and came out with the excellent analysis of 7 wickets for 49 runs, and it is worth noting that on each of the 7 occasions he found his way to the wicket. The day was a perfect one from a cricketer's point of view and was a delightful change after the weather that has been experienced lately. A fair number

of spectators, including several ladies, watched the match with interest. The following are the scores and analyses:—

HILLS.

Capt. Radcliffe, R.E., c Allenby, b Dalrymple	31
E. E. O. Bird, c Bedwell, b Mackenzie	34
Col. Ferrier, A.P.D., run out	22
G. P. Lammert, c Punnett, b Mackenzie	0
J. T. Dixon (Capt.), c Mackenzie, b Greenstock	3
A. C. E. Elborough, c Mackenzie, b Bissett	17
T. C. Gray, b Dalrymple	13
W. R. Lemarchand, b Dalrymple	0
Dr. Danby, R.M.L.I., c Bissett, b Mackenzie	10
P. T. Lambie, c and b Mackenzie	8
L. E. Lammert, not out	7
Extras	22

Total 176

PLAINS.

Lt. Allenby, R.N., b J. T. Dixon	15
Mr. A. H. Bissett, R.N., b J. T. Dixon	61
Lt. Dalrymple, R.N., b J. T. Dixon	1
Lt. Raymond, R.N.R., b J. T. Dixon	17
A. Mackenzie (Capt.), b J. T. Dixon	3
Lt. Bedwell, R.N., b J. T. Dixon	8
Lt. Greenstock, R.N.R., c & b Lemarchand	12
Lt. Gouldsmith, R.N., c L. E. Lammert, b Elborough	33
Lt. A. C. Candy, R.N., b J. T. Dixon	0
Mr. Punnett, R.N., b Elborough	4
Rev. A. G. Dexter, R.N., not out	3
Extras	19

Total 176

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

HILLS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dalrymple	17	3	55	3
Bissett	11	2	37	1
Bedwell	5	—	14	—
Allenby	1	—	9	—
Candy	1	—	3	—
Greenstock	7	1	16	1
Mackenzie	7.1	1	20	4

PLAINS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bird	1	—	11	—
J. T. Dixon	21	8	49	7
Lambie	5	—	38	—
Elborough	9.1	—	38	2
L. E. Lammert	3	2	6	—
Lemarchand	3	1	16	1

CRAIGENGOWER C.C. v. SERGEANTS, SHERWOOD FORESTERS.

The return match between the above was played on the 7th inst. at the Happy Valley, and ended in a win for Craigenower C.C. by 4 wickets and 110 runs. The following are the scores and analyses:—

CRAIGENGOWER C.C.

M. H. Harteam, b Brompton	34
J. L. Stuart, c Kennedy, b Westerman	47
R. Pestonji, c Kennedy, b Westerman	10
J. P. Jordah, b Westerman	1
M. E. Asger, c Tucker, b Kennedy	29
J. D. Kinnaird, b Fraser	18
R. Bana, not out	20
A. A. Rose, not out	8
A. E. Asger	—
A. A. Remedios, } did not bat	—
F. Drude	—
Extras	8

Total (for 6 wickets) 166

SERGEANTS, SHERWOOD FORESTERS.

Brompton, b Pestonji	1
Tucker, c M. E. Asger, b Pestonji	26
Westerman, b Harteam	0
Fielding, c Stuart, b Pestonji	4
Murphy, c M. E. Asger, b Harteam	2
Fraser, b Harteam	11
Arthur, b Harteam	2
James, b Harteam	0
Hayes, b Harteam	0
Jones, c Harteam, b Pestonji	0
Kennedy, not out	4
Extras	6

Total 56

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

CRAIGENGOWER C.C.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Kennedy	10	1	40	1
Fraser	7	—	50	1
Fielding	6	—	52	—
Westerman	8	—	21	3
Brompton	3	—	21	1

SERGEANTS, SHERWOOD FORESTERS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pestonji	6	—	33	4
Harteam	5.2	—	21	2

A.O.C. v. CIVIL SERVICE C.C.

The return match between these two Clubs was played at Happy Valley on the 7th inst. the victory rested with the Ordnance by 4 wickets and 26 runs. Scores:—

CIVIL SERVICE C.C.

Prett (Capt.), b Bradford	1
Heggarth, b Skinner	7
Woolley, b Skinner	2
Witchell, c Rutter, b Skinner	3
Brown, b Bradford	7
Knight, b Bradford	0
Hutchings, b Bradford	0
Wheal, b Skinner	2
Allen, b Skinner	2
Reidie, not out	0
Tett, b Bradford	1
Extras	15

Total 40

A.O.C.

C. Rutter, b Witchell	6
E. P. Bradford, c Woolley, b Brett	16
H. R. Skinner, b Brett	0
F. McGibbon, b Witchell	2
H. Earner, c Wheal, b Witchell	0
J. C. A. Lillwhite (Capt.), not out	27
W. P. Burgess, run out	6
F. Bromley, not out	5
Extras	4

Total (for 6 wickets) 66

FOOTBALL.

SHIELD TIE—V.R.C. v. 78TH CO., P.G.A.

In fine weather, and before a good turn-out of spectators, these two teams met on the 7th inst to play their postponed tie in the first round of the Shield Competition. The sides were:—

V.R.C.—Goal, Fittock; backs, R. Lapsley, (capt.), and G. Duncan; halves, J. Craik, J. Witchell, and R. Henderson; forwards, H. A. Seth, A. Humphreys, E. R. Herton, H. S. Holmes, and H. W. Sayer.

78th Co.—Goal, Spindley; backs, Laughran and Boyle; halves, Smith, Ely, and Money; forwards, Catterall, Giblin, Wells, Thom, and Riley.

Referee—Mr. Triggs.

Lossing the toss, the V.R.C. kicked off with the sun in their faces. They assumed the aggressive at the outset, and secured a corner, which was left unimproved. For quite five minutes they kept their opponents on the defensive, and when the R.A.'s did get away they were quickly pulled up for offside. Foul throws were frequent, both sides offending in this respect. The first incident worthy of note was a hard ground shot from Herton, which Spindley kicked clear. A little later Sayer struck one of the uprights with a good try from the wing. The R.A. custodian, who was kept on his mettle, played a sterling game, clearing some dangerous shots that but for his carefulness would have opened the scoring in favour of the V.R.C. The latter kept their ground pretty well clear, but a breakaway on the R.A.'s left followed by a corner on their right, put Fittock on the *qui vive*. Herton followed Holmes in an attempt to relieve, and succeeded in bringing the play to the other end of the field, where he outwitted the backs, and following up his own pass, recaptured the ball and found the inside of the net, the effort being deservedly applauded. The R.A. got a foul in V.R.C. ground near the centre-mark, but gained nothing by the free kick and their opponents again clustered in unbecomingly close proximity to Spindley, whose anxiety was allayed by the ball eventually going over the bar from Sayer's foot. The V.R.C. were again invading when the interval arrived, the score then standing:—

V.R.C., 1; R.A., 0.

Resuming with a determination, apparently, to equalise, the R.A. forwards wore down opposition and paid a call to Fittock, who kicked the first shot clear and saw the other rebound behind the net from the crossbar. The V.R.C. replied with a dash on their left wing which the R.A. defence negotiated. The ball then travelled along the Artillery's right, and whizzed across towards Fittock, who found it unnecessary to handle, the leather striking the side of the net. The game was now of a more equal character, and consequently of greater interest to the spectators, who applauded further exhibitions of skill on the part of Spindley in repelling attacks by the V.R.C. The former one-sided aspect of the game, however, soon made itself evident again, and coincidentally some "gallery" play on the part of Herton, who might have utilised his opportunities to the better advantage of his side. He regained favour, however, by a brilliant piece of single-handed work, taking the ball from mid-field to within easy shooting distance of the Artillery's

goal, where he was blocked by and lost the leather to Byle. Spindley next spoilt cleverly a combined rush by Seth, Humphreys, and Herton, this being one of the occasions when the V.R.C. did not leave all the work to one man. A little later a swift ball from Herton cut the corner of the cross-bar, and from the goal-kick the R.A. made a spurt which also ended abortively, in this case one of the uprights being struck. The R.A. were a poor lot, taking them all through, and with a less capable goalkeeper would have sustained a more crushing defeat than that represented in the result. It must be admitted, however, that they had hard luck in not scoring just on time, Fittock having to fist out an accurately placed shot from the left wing.

Result.—V.R.C., 1; 78th Co., R.G.A., 0.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The 8th Club race was sailed on the 8th inst. over course No. 7: Channel Rocks, mark-boat in Quarry Bay, Cust Rocks Buoy, Channel Rocks, mark boat in Quarry Bay—all to starboard. There was a strong flood tide during the most of the afternoon, and the wind was very variable both in force and direction.

CHAMPIONSHIP.

The start for the Championship class was made at 1.3 p.m., the competing boats being the *Vernon*, *Dione*, and *Alannah*. The wind which was very light from the eastward suddenly dropped at the start and somewhat upset calculations. The *Dione* crossed the line first, leaving the *Vernon* badly hung for a minute or two. Both these boats got off on the starboard tack and stood towards the Northern shore and getting out of the strength of the strong flood tide made fair progress for the Channel Rocks, which were rounded by the *Dione* a few minutes ahead of *Vernon*, *Alannah* getting hopelessly becalmed in the harbour withdrew from the contest. Immediately after rounding the rocks *Dione* went about on the port tack, which manoeuvre allowed the *Vernon*, who stood further on the starboard tack, to gain considerably, but she again lost this advantage by running into a calm, which the *Dione* managed to escape, and the latter maintained a considerable lead round the Quarry Bay mark-boat and spinnakers were set to port for the run to the Cust Rock Buoy. Before this mark was reached almost a flat calm was encountered, and it became apparent that whatever wind there was ahead was from the westward. The *Dione* rounded the buoy almost becalmed but considerably ahead, and shortly afterwards picking up a light westwardly wind set her spinnaker for a run back to the Channel rocks. By the time the *Vernon* reached the buoy the west wind had established itself, and setting her spinnaker she soon ran up on the *Dione*, keeping well towards the north shore where she cheated the tide and getting a south-east wind off the Dock point quickly showed her heels to her opponent, who got badly blanketed by junks and being almost becalmed could scarcely stem the tide. The *Vernon* rounded the Channel rocks on the 2nd round 7 minutes ahead of the *Dione* and made the Quarry Bay mark-boat in one tack. The *Dione* having to make a board again lost ground, and just before reaching the mark fell in for a strong west wind against which the *Vernon* was now beating homeward. Showing fine form *Vernon* eventually finished about 15 minutes ahead of the *Dione*.

ONE-DESIGN CLASSES.

At the start the *Kathleen* got away with a short lead from *Erica*, *Min*, and *Bonito*, who were all close together in the order named, while *Colleen* was last. While the light easterly wind lasted *Kathleen* kept her lead and *Bonito* worked into second place; but *Erica* got the first of the change to S. E. and slipped away from the rest. At the Channel Rocks the *Bonito* just succeeded in catching *Kathleen* and, getting the inside berth, obtained second place, but the wind shifting more to the South, and serving the hinter boats better than the leaders *Kathleen* made a nice bit to windward on *Bonito*, who in her turn got ahead of *Erica*. After about half the distance to the mark boat had been traversed a wind again shifted and came in quite fresh from the East, this change let up the *Colleen*, who had been some way astern, and the mark-boat was rounded in the

following order: *Kathleen*, *Bonito*, *Colleen*, *Erica*. The *Min* very badly served by the wind was nowhere near, and shortly afterwards gave up the race. On the run to the Cust Rocks Buoy *Bonito* drew away from *Colleen* and looked like passing *Kathleen*, when again the wind shifted, this time to about north-west, and the *Kathleen* being the more westerly of the two boats recovered her lead. On the run, *Erica* passed *Colleen*, who about this time was very badly served by the wind and was left a long way astern by the other three. Returning round Channel Rocks to the mark-boat the three leading boats kept their relative positions, though in one of the numerous shifts of wind *Erica* appeared likely to obtain first place again, but the others got the new wind just in time and she had to be content with a substantial gain in distance. From the mark-boat in there was a west wind quite fresh at first but decreasing rapidly in force as the line was neared. Going to windward in this breeze *Kathleen* showed herself undoubtedly the better boat of the three and slowly but steadily gained on *Bonito* and in the end won easily.

SECOND CLASS.

By the time the second class started the wind near the line had fallen very light and the leading boat had barely got to Blackheads when the One-Design Class boats were rounding Channel Rocks. In consequence of this loss of time shortly after the start and of the wind falling just as the *Maid Marian* neared the finishing line the race was not finished within the time limit and will have to be resailed.

The official times are as follows:—

1ST CLASS.		points total	
<i>Vernon</i> ...	4 56 42	10	46
<i>Dione</i> ...	5 8 35	4	53
<i>Alannah</i> ...	gave up	0	18
ONE-DESIGN CLASS.			
<i>Kathleen</i> ...	5 17 55	10	36
<i>Bonito</i> ...	5 21 25	4	19
<i>Erica</i> ...	5 24 30	1	25
<i>Colleen</i> ...	did not finish	0	20
<i>Min</i>	0	20

THE HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

There was a good attendance of members at the Range on the 7th inst., and it was noted with pleasure the presence of some lady members. The shooting generally was not good, and some of the best shots failed at the longest range. Mrs. R. K. Leigh took first place with a total score of 110, including a "possi" at 600 yards, and Mr. Parker put on a "possi" at 200 yards. The following are spoon winners:—

SCORERS.				
	yds.	yds.	yds.	Handicap
	20	500	600	cap
Mrs. R. K. Leigh	21	27	35	17
Mr. Crocker, R.N.	31	34	33	—
Mr. Parker	35	32	31	—
P. O. Hobbs	34	27	28	—
Mr. Stackwood	32	31	26	—

HONGKONG.

The result of the polo match at Causeway Bay on the 7th inst. between Hongkong and Kowloon was a victory for Kowloon.

Though scarce enough at home, four-penny pieces appear to be quite common out here. Four were picked up in a money-changer's shop the other day, at twenty cents apiece.

During the two days ending at noon on Monday two more fatal Chinese plague cases were reported, one in Queen's Road West and one in Upper Rutter Street. No cases may be reported since.

The visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending 8th February were 307 non-Chinese and 61 Chinese to the former, and 103 non-Chinese and 6,766 Chinese to the latter institution.

We are informed that H.E. the General Officer Commanding has decided that the weekly band performances on the Garrison parade-ground, which were suspended in November last, shall recommence on Monday, 2nd March, and be continued each Monday. The O. C. 1st Sherwood Foresters will kindly arrange for the provision of seats as before.

The return of cases of communicable disease in the Colony last week shows as follows:—Plague 12 (Chinese, 7 in Victoria), all fatal; enteric fever 1 (Portuguese, in Victoria); scarlet fever 1 (European, in Victoria); small-pox 3 (Chinese, 2 in Victoria), 2 fatal. The year's plague cases now number 16, all Chinese and all fatal.

Damage to the extent of about \$200 was done by a fire which broke out in a "soy" factory at 371, Queen's Road Central, about 1 a.m. on the 8th inst. Carelessness on the part of a workman in the disposal of a lighted candle, which set ablaze a quantity of inflammable rubbish, is stated to have been the cause.

COMMERCIAL.

CAMPHOR.

HONGKONG, 13th February.—No arrivals.

SUGAR.

HONGKONG, 13th February.—The advance in prices has been arrested, market being weak. Shekloong, No. 1, White.....\$8.15 to \$8.20 per cwt.
Do. " 2, White.....7.50 to 7.55 "
Shekloong, No. 1, Brown.....6.00 to 6.05 "
Do. " 2, Brown.....5.85 to 5.90 "
Swatow, No. 1, White.....8.05 to 8.10 "
Do. " No. 1, White.....7.40 to 7.45 "
Do. " 1, Brown.....5.85 to 5.90 "
Do. " 2, Brown.....5.65 to 6.70 "
Foochow Sugar Candy.....12.25 to 12.30 "
Shekloong ".....10.35 to 10.40 "

RICE.

HONGKONG, 13th February.—The upward tendency continues, holders being firm. Saigon, Ordinary.....\$4.60 to 4.05
" Round, Good quality.....5.25 to 5.30
" Long.....5.45 to 5.50
Siam, Field mill cleaned, No. 2.....4.15 to 4.20
" Garden, " No. 1.....4.80 to 4.85
" White,.....5.90 to 5.95
" Fine Cargo.....6.20 to 6.25

COALS.

HONGKONG, 13th February.—Small sales reported. Prices have slightly improved. Cardiff.....\$20.00 ex ship
Australian \$10.00 to \$11.00 nominal
Yubari Lump.....\$12.50 to 13.00 ex godown nominal
Milki Lump.....\$10.00 to \$11.00 ex ship, nominal
Moji Lump.....\$6.00 to \$9.50 ex ship, steady

COTTON.

HONGKONG, 13th February.—Small business at previous rates. Stock, about 3,000 bales. Bombay.....23.00 to 24.00 per cwt.
Bengal (New), Rangoo { 21.00 to 26.50 "
and Dacca..... }
Shanghai and Japanese, 26.00 to 27.50 "
Tungchow and Ningpo, 26.00 to 27.50 "
Sale:—170 bales.

YARN.

Mr. P. Eduljee says in his Report, dated Hongkong, 12th February:—Business has been only partially resumed, as most of country buyers have not returned from the interior, and the bulk of the limited settlements noted below may be considered as the usual New Year "congratulatory" purchases by our local dealers. Prices show little or no change and contrary to expectations the feeling amongst buyers is not strong. Importers do not appear anxious sellers, and having in view the excited state of the Bombay market, consider the position fairly strong, and await developments. Reports from the country are satisfactory; the yearly settlement of accounts having passed off without difficulty, and proportionate confidence is apparent. We close quiet but steady.

Local:—Quotations are maintained, but no business has been reported.
Japanese Yarn:—The only business of the interval has been the sale of 100 bales Settsu No. 20s. at \$12.00.

Raw Cotton:—Nothing doing either in Indian or China descriptions; quotations are barely maintained, and much easier feeling is noticeable among holders, and at the close a forced sale of 50 bales Superfine Bengal at \$14 under market values has been reported. Stocks: Indian 2,400 and China 500 bales.

Exchange on India closes weak to-day at Rs. 116½ for T/T and Rs. 116½ for Post. On Shanghai 72½ and on Yokohama 76½.

The undermentioned business in imported and local spinnings is reported from Shanghai during the week ended the 25th ultimo, viz:—

Indian:—Business restricted owing to the proximity of the China New Year. Total sales 4,49 bales, comprising 2,140 bales No. 10, 100 bales No. 16s. and 1,949 bales No. 2's, prices showing an advance of a Tael and a half and market closing strong. Estimated unsold stock about 4,000 bales.

Japanese:—Nothing doing; market closing firm for the holidays.

Local:—Settlements only amount to about 400 bales No. 11s. at Tls. 88 and No. 16s. at 89½, market closing firm until after the Chinese settling day.

MISCELLANEOUS IMPORTS.

HONGKONG 13th February.—Amongst the sales reported during the week are the following:—

Bombay—Nos. 10 to 20, ...\$ 86.00 to \$130.00
English—Nos. 16 to 24, ... 114.00 to 129.00
" 22 to 24, ... 120.00 to 128.00
" 28 to 32, ... 136.00 to 142.00
" 38 to 42, ... 155.00 to 170.00
COTTON PIECE GOODS—per piece.
Grey Shirtings—6 lbs. 2.30 to 2.40
7 lbs. 2.50 to 2.80
8.4 lbs. 3.30 to 4.10
9 to 10 lbs. 4.00 to 5.60
White Shirtings—54 to 56 rd. 2.80 to 3.00
58 to 60 " 3.45 to 3.75
64 to 66 " 4.00 to 5.50
Fine 5.75 to 8.20
Book-folds 4.75 to 7.50
Victoria Lawns—12 yards 0.80 to 1.75
T. Cloths—6lbs. (32 in.), Ord'y 2.00 to 2.30
7lbs. (32 ") 2.40 to 2.95
6lbs. (32 "), Mexs. 2.50 to 2.75
7lbs. (32 "), " 3.00 to 3.50
8 to 8.4 oz., (36 in.) 3.30 to 4.00
Drills, English—40 yds., 13½ " 4.75 to 7.30
to 14 lbs.)

FANCY COTTONS—

Turkey Red Shirtings—1½ to 1 150 to 5.50
8 lbs)

Brocades—Dyed to —
DAMASKS—per yard
Chintzes—Assorted to —
Velvets—Black, 22 in 0.29 to 0.60
Velvetens—18 in. 0.26 to 0.29

Handkerchiefs—Imitation Silk 0.37 to 5.00

WOOLLENS—per yard
Spanish Stripes—Sundry chops 0.72½ to 2.25

Habit, Med., and Broad Cloths 1.25 to 3.00

Long Ells—Scarlet, 7-10 lbs. 6.95 to 8.75

Assorted 7.10 to 8.90

Camlets—Assorted 13.00 to 37.50

Lastings—30 yd., 31 inches (14.00 to 21.00
Assorted)

Orleans—Plain 10.00 to —

Blankets—8 to 12 lbs. 0.65 to 0.85

Fine quality, 1.40 to 2.10

METALS—per picul

Iron—Nail Rod 5.00 to —

Square, Flat Round Bar (Eng. 5.00 to —

Swedish Bar 5.00 to —

Small Round Rod 5.30 to —

Hoop ½ to 1½ in., 6.80 to —

Wire, 18/25, 9.50 to —

Old Wire Rope 3.50 to —

Lead, L. B. & Co. and Hole Chop 9.20 to —

Australian 9.20 to —

Yellow Metal—Muntz 14/20 oz. 42.50 to —

Vivian's 14/20 oz. 42.50 to —

Elliot's 14/20 oz. 42.50 to —

Composition Nails 61.00 to —

Japan Copper, Slabs 39.00 to —

Tin 98.00 to —

Tin-Plates 8.60 to —

Steel ½ to ¾ 6.50 to —

SUNDRIES—per picul

Quicksilver 180.00 to —

Window Glass 5.75 to —

Kerosene Oil 3.00 to —

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

FRIDAY, 14th February.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—

Telegraphic Transfer 1/6½

Bank Bills, on demand 1/6½

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1/6½

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 1/7½

Credits, at 4 months' sight 1/7½

Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 1/7½

ON PARIS.—

Bank Bills, on demand 196½

Credits, 4 months' sight 190½

ON GERMANY.—

On demand 160½

ON NEW YORK.—

Bank Bills, on demand 38½

Credits, 60 days' sight 39

ON BOMBAY.—Telegraphic Transfer 116½

Bank, on demand 116½

ON CALCUTTA.—Telegraphic Transfer 116½

Bank, on demand 116½

ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, at sight 72½

Private, 30 days' sight 73½

ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand 76½

ON MANILA.—On demand par

ON SINGAPORE.—On demand 1 p.c. pm.

ON BATAVIA.—On demand 94½

ON HAIPHONG.—On demand 1 p.c. pm.

ON SAIGON.—On demand 1 p.c. pm.

ON BANGKOK.—On demand 67

SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate \$12.72

GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael 66.85

BAR SILVER, per oz. 22½

SHARE REPORTS.

HONGKONG, February 13th, 1903.—The Race holidays which have intervened since our last report have seriously interfered with business during the period under review, and there are but few transactions to report.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai have been placed at \$710, and close with some sellers at the rate. London is unchanged at £65.

MARINE INSURANCE.—China Traders have, sold at \$57. North Chinas are in request at the improved rate of Tls. 185.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkongs are in request at \$320. Chinas have been disposed of and there are more shares to be had at \$86.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have been booked at \$36½ ex the dividend of \$1½ for the six months ending 31st December paid on the 9th instant, and more shares can probably be placed. Indo-Chinas have improved to buyers at \$95. China and Manilas are in request at \$26. The sale of this Company's steamer *Diamante* to a Japanese Corporation is today announced. Douglases are on offer at \$44. Shell Transports are reported sold at £1.10s. 0d.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have been booked at \$100 and \$101 and continue in request. Luzons are unchanged at \$12½ seller.

MINING.—Punjoms have improved to \$3½, cum call, with buyers. There are no other changes to report.

DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks are quiet at \$208 with probable sellers. Hongkong & Kowloon Wharves are steady with sales at \$93. Farnhams have declined to Tls. 177½ sellers.

LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands are weak with sellers at \$177½. Kowloon Lands are wanted at \$30, and West Points at \$51. Hongkong Hotels are steady with sales at \$143. Humphreys Estates have been booked at \$11½ ex the dividend of 90 cents per share for 1902 paid on the 9th instant.

COTTON MILLS.—There are no changes or business to report.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Island Cements are still in request at \$24½. Electric sold have been booked at \$13½ a d (new) at \$6.85. Ropes are wanted at \$110 ex the dividend of \$10 per share for 1902 paid on the 9th instant. China Providents have been booked at \$8.85 and \$8.90, and close with sellers at \$9. Watkins can be procured at \$8.

MEMOS.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation ordinary half yearly meeting tomorrow, the 13th instant. Punjom Mining Co., Ltd. ordinary yearly meeting on the 17th inst. Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. ordinary yearly meeting on the 23rd instant. Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. ordinary yearly meeting on the 2nd March; transfer books close on the 16th instant. China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. ordinary yearly meeting on the 5th March; transfer books close on the 19th instant.

Closing quotations are as follows:—

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Banks—		
Hongkong & Shanghai ..	\$125	(\$710, sellers { L'don, £65.
Natl. Bank of China		
A. Shares	£8	\$22½, buyers
B. Shares	£8	\$22½, buyers
Foun. Shares	£1	\$10, sellers
Bell's Asbestos E. A. ..	£1	\$1, buyers
Campbell, Moore & Co.	\$10	\$35.
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	\$15	\$23, sellers
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	\$20	\$10.
China Prov. L. & M.	\$10	\$9, sellers
China Sugar	\$100	\$101 buyers
Cigar Companies—		
Alhambra Limited.	\$500	\$350, sellers
Philippine Tobacco Invest. Co., Ltd. }	\$50	\$3, sellers
Cotton Mills—		
Ewo	Tls. 100	Tls. 40.
International	Tls. 75	Tls. 4.
Laou Kung Mow	Tls. 100	Tls. 41.
Soychee	Tls. 500	Tls. 160.
Hongkong	\$100	\$17, sellers
Dairy Farm	\$6	\$11, buyers
Fenwick & Co., Geo.	\$25	\$0.
Green Island Cement.	\$10	\$20½, buyers
H. & C. Bakery	\$50	\$40, sellers
Hongkong & C. Gas ..	\$10	\$140, buyers
Hongkong Electric }	\$10	\$13½, sales & buyers
H. H. L. Tramways ..	\$5	\$68½, buyers
H. H. L. Tramways ..	\$100	\$327.
Hk. Steam Water boat Co., Ltd. }	\$0	\$11½.
Hongkong Hotel	\$50	\$143, sales
Hongkong Ice	\$25	\$228.
H. & K. Wharf & G.	\$50	\$93.
Hongkong Rope	\$50	\$110, ex div., buy
H. & W. Dock	\$50	\$208.
Insurance—		
Canton	\$50	\$102½, sellers
China Fire	\$20	\$86, sales & sellers
China Traders'	\$25	\$57, sales
Hongkong Fire	\$50	\$320, buyers
North China	\$25	Tls. 185, buyers
Straits	\$20	\$1, nominal
Union	\$100	\$475, buyers
Yangtze	\$60	\$133, buyers
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Inv.	\$100	\$177½, sellers
Humphreys Estate ..	\$10	\$12½, ex div.
Kowloon Land & B.	\$30	\$20, buyers
West Point Building	\$50	\$51, buyers
Luzon Sugar	\$100	\$12½, sellers
Manila Invest. Co., Ltd.	\$50	\$15, buyers
Mining—		
Charbonnages	Fcs. 250	\$60, sellers
Jelebu	\$5	\$11, sellers
Punjom	\$11	\$3½, cum call
Do. Preference	\$1	75 cents, sellers
Raub	18	\$7½, sellers
New Amoy Dock	\$61	\$4, sellers
Oriente Hotel, Manila	\$50	\$30.
Powell, Ltd.	\$10	\$9½, buyers
Robinson Co. Piano, Ltd.	\$50	\$50, nominal
Steamship Coys.—		
China and Manila	\$50	\$25½, sales & buy.
Douglas Steamship ..	\$25	nominal
H. Canton and M.	\$50	\$44, sellers
Indo-China S. N.	\$15	\$36, ex div.
Shel Transport and Trading Co.	\$10	\$65, buyers
Star Ferry	£1	£1.10s., sales
Tehran Planting Co.	\$10	\$25½, buyers
United Asbestos	\$5	\$14.
Do	\$5	nominal
Universal Trading Co., Ltd.	\$4	\$8½, sellers
Watkins Ltd.	\$10	\$155.
Watson & Co., A. S.	\$5	\$22½, sellers
Watkins Ltd.	\$10	\$8, sellers
Watson & Co., A. S.	\$10	\$14.

VERNON & SMYTH, Brokers.

SHANGHAI, 4th February (from Messrs J. P. Bisset & Co.'s Report.) During the week under review there has been very little business done, owing to the Chinese New Year holidays. The Chinese have not yet fully resumed business. The market all round has strengthened considerably, especially in the case of Langkats, Farnham, Boyds, and Indo-Chinas. **MINE INSURANCE.**—North China Insurance Co. Ltd.—A circular issued to the shareholders on the 20th ulto concerning a reduction of capital has caused

a keen demand for these shares. **SHIPPING.**—Indo-China S. N. Co. Shares have been placed for June Tls. 67; the market for cash shares is very firm and shares could be placed at Tls. 65 for cash with keen buyers at this rate or even better. **DOCKS AND WHARVES.**—S. C. Farnham, Boyd and Co. Business has been done at 182½ 183½ cash, 184 for 15th current and 187½ for March. The market closes strong with cash buyers and no shares offering. Shanghai and Hongkew Wharves. Shares were placed at Tls. 319, and Yangtze Wharf and Godown shares at Tls. 200 cash. **SUGAR COMPANIES.**—Chinas are wanted at \$90, while Luzons are offering at \$12½. **MINING.**—There is no change to report. **LANDS.**—Shanghai Land Investment Co. The annual meeting of shareholders is convened for the 10th current. **INDUSTRIAL.**—In Cotton Companies' shares we have still no business to report. Laou-Kung-Mow Cotton S. & W. Co. Ltd. The report and accounts for 1902 have been published for the meeting of shareholders convened for to-morrow. The net profits for the year are Tls. 44,753.58, equal to 25 per cent. on the capital as compared with 6.21 per cent. in the previous term. There is no business in the stock to report. Shanghai Gas Co. Old and new shares are enquired for and we expect to see a considerable rise in quotations. Maatschappij, etc. in Langkat. Considerable rise in these shares has taken place since the market opened. Business has been done at Tls. 180, and on the arrival of the usual half-monthly telegram from the Company showing a very large output, shares rose in anticipation of future increased dividends. This is very problematical. Business has been done and shares are wanted at Tls. 187½ for cash and are offering for February settlement at Tls. 192½. This improvement has resulted through there being buyers and few sellers in the market. With the present feeling we look for higher rates. Stores and Hotels. These are unquoted at present. **MISCELLANEOUS.**—China Providents are offering at \$9½. Horse Bazaars. Considerable transactions have taken place in these at \$140, at which rate the market close with buyers.

MANILA, 2nd February (from Messrs. W. A. Pitton & Co.'s Monthly Market Report).—During the month under review the improvement reported in our last circular has continued, but there is too little free money about and too little confidence in existing conditions to permit operations on any large scale. **Transactions.**—Germinal, Maritimes, Electric Lights, Ice Co., Varadero, and American Bank have all changed hands. Demand.—Runs chiefly on Germinal, Maritimes, and Ice Co. stocks. Meetings.—Oriente Hotel Co. hold their fifth half-yearly meeting 11th instant. Accounts now in hands of shareholders show a loss of \$12,432.53; this is most discouraging to shareholders. Banco Espanol-Filipino on working for year ended December 31, 1902, made a profit of \$20,580.30; \$50,000 was passed to Reserve Fund, which latter now stands at \$870,000, or say 18 per cent. of capital; dividend for the year was 12 per cent. thus absorbing \$18,000 of profits; \$11,580.30 was carried forward to current year. The meetings for current month are: Maria Cristina (Cigar Co.), Maritima, Ice Co., and Telephones. Currency.—As the Manila and American Chambers of Commerce have cabled their representative at Washington regarding necessary reforms, and as Siam has placed herself on a gold basis and China is talking of following suit, there appears some hope for exporters and importers; present conditions are most unsatisfactory, and we can look for no improvement in trade conditions generally until this currency question is adjusted. General.—Headed by a few agitators and a small following of faos (men by no means of the better class of Filipinos). Washington has been cabled to oppose immigration of coolie labour, which is absolutely essential to the prosperity and development of these Islands. Currency, agriculture, and labour questions require immediate attention.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

FOR ANTWERP.—Ceylon (str.), Glengyle (str.)
Pyrrhus (str.), Sanuki Maru (str.).

FOR LONDON.—Coromandel (str.), Pinjney (str.), Prometheus (str.), Sanuki Maru (str.),
Machaca (str.), Diomed (str.), Ceylon (str.),
Glengyle (str.), Glaucus (str.).

FOR LIVERPOOL.—Dardanus (str.), Kutuck (str.).

FOR MARSEILLES.—Oceanica (str.), Pyrrhus (str.), Sanuki Maru (str.).

TONNAGE.

HONGKONG, 13th February.—A large number of charters have been effected during the past fortnight, but rates do not show any improvement. From Saigon to Hongkong, 14 cents per picul offering; to one port Philippines, 3½ cents per picul has been paid for prompt small carriers; to one port Japan, 29 cents per picul for prompt, 35 cents per picul for early March, 37 cents per picul for middle March, 40 cents per picul for April loading; Wuhu to Canton, 20 candareens per picul offering. Coal freights are firm, several boats having been taken up at \$2 per ton Moji to Hongkong, and more tonnage is wanted; to Singapore, \$2.50 last and offering; to Manila, \$3.50 per ton; to Amoy, \$2.40 per ton. Time charters.—The Holstein has been closed for 6 months, commencing early March, for Saigon trade, the Elita Nossack for Northern trade, and the Taiyu delivery middle April, for a voyage hence to Mauritius and back. The following are the settlements:—

Bygdo—Norwegian steamer, 771 tons, Touron to Canton, \$2.50 per ton.

Kulsang—British steamer, 1,481 tons, Moji or Kuchinotzu to Hongkong, \$2 per ton.

Benleuch—British steamer, 2,679 tons, Moji or Kuchinotzu to Hongkong, \$1.00 per ton.

Maria Rickmers—German steamer, 1,020 tons, Moji to Hongkong, \$2 per ton.

Lisa—Swedish steamer, 1,568 tons, Moji to Hongkong, \$2 per ton.

Stanley Dollar—American steamer, Moji to Hongkong, 2 per ton.

Airlie—British steamer, 1,482 tons, Moji to Hongkong, \$2 per ton.

Rossija—Russian steamer, 1,315 tons, Moji to Hongkong, \$1.90 per ton.

Gloucester City—British steamer, 1,400 tons, Moji or Kuchinotzu to Singapore, \$2.00 per ton.

Pionier—German steamer, 675 tons, Kuchinotzu and/or Karatzu to Manila, \$3.00 per ton; option to Iloilo or Cebu, \$4 per ton.

Heathdene—British steamer, 2,277 tons, Kuchinotzu and/or Karatzu to Manila, \$3.15 per ton.

Hansa—German steamer, 1,201 tons, Hongkong to Hongkong, \$1.90 per ton.

Marie Jebben—German steamer, 1,771 tons, Wuhu and/or Chinkiang to Canton, 17 candareens per picul.

Themis—Norwegian steamer, 1,203 tons, Wuhu and/or Chinkiang to Canton, 17 candareens per picul.

Germania—German steamer, 1,775 tons, Wuhu and/or Chinkiang to Canton, 20 candareens per picul.

Brunhilde—German steamer, 872 tons, hence to Saigon and back, 16½ cents per picul.

Quarta—German steamer, 1,146 tons, hence to Saigon and back, 16½ cents per picul.

Clara Jebben—German steamer, 1,000 tons, Saigon to Hongkong, 14 cents per picul.

Taishan—British steamer, 1,122 tons, Saigon to Hongkong, 14 cents per picul.

Pronto—German steamer, 719 tons, Saigon to Hongkong, 14 cents per picul.

Decima—German steamer, 794 tons, Saigon to Hongkong, 15 cents per picul.

Emma Luyken—German steamer, 1,169 tons, Saigon to Hongkong, 15 cents per picul.

Lilia—French steamer, 1,497 tons, Saigon to one port 20 cents; if two ports Japan, 31 cents per picul (prompt).

A China Nav. Co.'s steamer, Saigon to one port 25 cents; if two ports Japan, 37 cents per picul (early March).

An Indo-China S. Nav. Co.'s steamer, Saigon to Higo, 37 cents per picul (middle March).

Clara Jebben—German steamer, 1,000 tons, Saigon to one port, 35 cents; if two ports Japan, 37 cents per picul; if Niigata, 42 cents per picul (early March).

Picciola—German steamer, 1,75 tons, Saigon to one port Philippines 20 cents per picul (prompt).

Tailee—German steamer, 939 tons, Saigon to one port Philippines 30 cents per picul (prompt).

Nanyang—German steamer, 982 tons, Saigon to one port Philippines, 30 cents per picul (prompt).

Pronto—Norwegian steamer, 837 tons, monthly, about 1½ months, \$5,000 per month.

Holstein—German steamer, 983 tons, monthly 6 months, \$5,900 per month.

Elita Nossack—German steamer, 1,161 tons, monthly, 3 months, \$7,000 per month.

An Indo-China S. N. Co.'s steamer, Saigon to Higo and/or Yokohama, 37 cents one port and 39 cents two ports (middle March).

Taiyu—German steamer, 1,063 tons, hence to Mauritius and back, \$7,750 per month.

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES SINCE LAST MAIL.

February—

ARRIVALS.

- 8, J. Diederichsen, Ger. str., from Pakhoi.
 8, Lilia, French str., from Haiphong.
 8, Machew, German str., from Bangkok.
 8, Salazie, French str., from Yokohama.
 9, Annam, French str., from Marseilles.
 9, Anping, Chinese str., from Shanghai.
 9, Chelydra, British str., from Moji.
 9, Chingwo, British str., from Liverpool.
 9, Empire, British str., from Sydney.
 9, Kowloon, German str., from Canton.
 9, Kwanglee, Chinese str., from Canton.
 9, Lyeemoon, German str., from Canton.
 9, Michael Jebson, Ger. str., from Haiphong.
 9, Nanyang, German str., from Canton.
 9, Rubi, British str., from Manila.
 9, Tartar, British str., from Vancouver.
 9, Telemachus, British str., from Shanghai.
 9, Wosang, British str., from Canton.
 10, Arab, Danish str., from San Francisco.
 10, Dr. H. J. Kiser, Norw. str., from Manila.
 10, Esang, British str., from Canton.
 10, Foochow, British str., from Canton.
 10, Glenturret, British str., from London.
 10, Hailong, British str., from Swatow.
 1, Loongang, British str., from Manila.
 10, Onsang, British str., from Java.
 10, Rohilla Maru, Japanese str., from Manila.
 10, Shansi, British str., from Chinkiang.
 10, Simongan, Dutch str., from Samarang.
 10, Whampoa, British str., from Shanghai.
 11, Amara, British str., from Samarang.
 11, Daijin Maru, Japanese str., from Tamsui.
 11, Daphne, German str., from Samarang.
 11, Haiching, British str., from Coast Ports.
 11, Indradeo, British str., from Shanghai.
 11, Kamor, Norwegian str., from Falmouth.
 11, Kansu, British str., from Wuhu.
 11, Keshing, British str., from Canton.
 11, Kwangse, British str., from Canton.
 11, Kwongsang, British str., from Shanghai.
 11, Kyoto Maru, Japanese str., from Moji.
 11, Phra Chom Klao, Ger. str., from Bangkok.
 11, Thea, German str., from Saigon.
 12, Amigo, German str., from Saigon.
 12, C. Apear, British str., from Calcutta.
 12, Deuterios, German str., from Saigon.
 12, Kamakura Maru, Jap. str., from London.
 12, Loongmoon, German str., from Wuhu.
 12, Perla, British str., from Canton.
 12, Petriana, British str., from Balik Papan.
 12, Taifu, German str., from Saigon.
 12, Tsinan, British str., from Japan.
 12, Wosung, British str., from Canton.
 13, Anna, Norwegian str., from Manila.
 13, Bamberg, German str., from Bremen.
 13, Bergal, British str., from Bombay.
 13, Coromandel, British str., from Shanghai.
 13, Hongmoh, British str., from Straits.
 13, Hongkong, French str., from Haiphong.
 13, Kinsang, British str., from Samarang.
 13, Lennox, British str., from New York.
 13, Prosper, Norwegian str., from Amoy.
 13, Taicheong, German str., from Saigon.
 13, Thales, British str., from Swatow.
 13, Titos, German str., from Saigon.
 13, Tsintan, German str., from Bangkok.
 13, Wurzburg, German str., from Shanghai.

February—

DEPARTURES.

- 8, Anamba, Danish str., for Bangkok.
 8, Hongsang, British str., for Swatow.
 9, Salazie, French str., for Europe.
 9, Tiger, German gunboat, for practice.
 10, Airlie, British str., for Kobe.
 10, Annam, French str., for Shanghai.
 10, Anping, Chinese str., for Canton.
 10, Changchow, British str., for Shanghai.
 10, Coptic, British str., for San Francisco.
 10, Emma Luyken, German str., for Saigon.
 10, Hangchow, British str., for Shanghai.
 10, Kalgan, British str., for Kobe.
 10, Kwanglee, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
 10, Labor, Norwegian str., for Chinkiang.
 10, Loosok, German str., for Bangkok.
 10, M. Rickmers, Ger. str., for Bangkok.
 10, Riojun Maru, Japanese str., for Seattle.
 10, Roset Maru, Japanese str., for Manila.
 10, Thales, British str., for Swatow.
 10, Ulbrand, Norwegian str., for Saigon.
 10, Wosang, British str., for Ningpo.
 10, Yuensang, British str., for Manila.
 11, Auping Maru, Jap. str., for Coast Ports.
 11, Brunhilde, German str., for Saigon.
 11, Changsha, British str., for Yokohama.

- 11, China, German str., for Samarang.
 11, Chingwo, British str., for Shanghai.
 11, Chunsang, British str., for Hongay.
 11, Doyo Maru, Japanese str., for Kobe.
 11, Empire, British str., for Shanghai.
 1, Empress of India, Brit. str., for Vancouver.
 11, Esang, British str., for Foochow.
 11, Foochow, British str., for Kobe.
 11, Hunan, British str., for Ningpo.
 11, J. Diederichsen, Ger. str., for Haiphong.
 11, Kowloon, German str., for Shanghai.
 11, Michael Jebson, German str., for Hoihow.
 11, Picciola, German str., for Saigon.
 11, Pronto, Norwegian str., for Hoihow.
 11, Sleipner, Norwegian str., for Kobe.
 11, Sullberg, German str., for Saigon.
 11, Taileo, German str., for Saigon.
 11, Telemachus, British str., for London.
 12, Indradeo, British str., for New York.
 12, Kansu, British str., for Canton.
 12, Kashing, British str., for Shanghai.
 12, Kmsang, British str., for Calcutta.
 12, Kwongsang, British str., for Canton.
 12, Nanyang, German str., for Saigon.
 12, Shansi, British str., for Canton.
 12, Sungkiang, British str., for Manila.
 12, Verona, German str., for Shanghai.
 13, Chelydra, British str., for Saigon.
 13, Haiching, British str., for Coast Ports.
 13, Loongmoon, German str., for Canton.
 13, Loongsang, British str., for Manila.
 13, Rubi, British str., for Manila.

PASSENGERS LIST.

ARRIVED.

Per *Kuifong*, from Cebu, &c., Mrs. Woodward and three children, Mrs. C. S. Salmon, Mrs. and Master Snagustin, Messrs. H. B. Sullivan, Francisco Gemora, A. V. Xavier and S. Prey.

Per *America Maru*, from San Francisco, Mrs. E. C. McCullough, Mrs. W. W. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gove, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. del Castillo and child, Messrs. H. W. Elser, Max Hartl, H. Hancock, A. W. Burkhill, W. Cope, J. C. Dyer, H. C. Brushfield, C. A. Davis, J. W. Reeves, J. W. Sleeper, T. Thos. Fortune, H. C. Marshall, A. S. Anton, J. West, A. G. Husoin, H. M. Ellis, F. J. Hales and W. R. Snaufer.

Per *Empire*, from Sydney, Mrs. Jerome and child, Mrs. Mead, Misses Beattie, Littlewood and Macba d. Messrs. Squier, Muntz, McTaggart, Richardson, Whitelad, Franks, Jas. Walzer, J. Furness, F. Jolliff and Whiridge.

Per *Rubi*, from Manila, Dr. and Mrs. Pentacost, Miss Pentacost, Mrs. N. A. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Jaun, Misses E. and J. Barros, Masters E. and G. Barros, Misses Gibbs and Antena Guevara, Capt. J. F. Green and B. McKenna, Messrs. W. Clark, J. Barros, J. Johnson, Eckley, Bro. hwick, Tan Donco, Ledaback and C. Gochinco and child.

Per *Salazie*, for Hongkong, from Yokohama, Lieut. Col. Craven and Mr. Dayet; from Kobe, Mr. Midzushima; from Shanghai, Mr. and Mrs. Guillon, Mr. and Mrs. Rebeira, Mrs. Arabian, Messrs. C. Piry, Daniels, Valenza, London, d'Almeida, Perreau, A. Michele, J. Michele and Angel; for Saigon, from Shanghai, Mr. Theophilatos; for Singapore, from Yokohama, Mr. Sabu; from Shanghai, Mr. Sherida; for Colombo, from Shanghai, Messrs. Sierney, Bailey and Budd; for Port Said, Mr. Borioni; for Marseilles, from Yokohama, Mr. and Mrs. Berthelot, Messrs. Lacroix, Boissiere and family, Schwab and family; from Shanghai, Messrs. Burkholt, du Portezie, Gaultier, Camus Rey and Saussine and family.

Per *Tartar*, from Kobe, Messrs. R. L. Billings and D. A. Cameron; from Shanghai, Messrs. C. R. Shaw, H. Bruce Robertson and H. S. Jackson.

Per *Annam*, for Hongkong, from Marseilles, Messrs. Alf Gell and Wanders, Sisters Pelican and Thierry; from Singapore, Mr. Gopaladas; from Saigon, Mr. and Mrs. Hamens and Mr. d'Aubert de Peyrolongue; for Shanghai, from Marseilles, Mr. and Mrs. Chazalon and two children; Mr. and Mrs. Massa and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Fonaghi, Mr. and Mrs. Riggio, Messrs. Blancket, Vapeysonnie, Taillan, F.

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